

2025 CANADIAN JESTERS NATIONAL EXECUTIVE



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The Jesters Club of Canada

Minutes

Annual General Meeting of the Jesters Club of Canada

Tuesday April 30, 2024, 7 pm EDT

Meeting held remotely via Zoom

Jesters Members Present:

Hugh Woolley, Mike Letourneau, David Hotham, Eric Watson, Richard Pound, Andrew Lynn, Jay Nash, Kim Watson, Karen Levine, Peter Reimer, Bob Ferguson, John Hungerford, Blair Finlayson, Rob Warden, Cathy Brown, Cathy Tuckwell, Jeff Deverill, Tom Nederpel, Carolyn Roper, Josh Ginou, Hussein Salemwalla, Sean Arani, Vinit Kudva, Peter Frost, Ed Bracht, Jillian Anderson, Keith Flavell

Members Present by Proxy:

John Zaplatynsky, Robert Dubeau, David Ross, Cliff Sparkes, Robert Birrell, Fred Plant, John Wang, Eyal Baruch, Alan Hunt, William Shishakly, Marc Lalonde, Allan Brown

1. Call to order

Keith Flavell, Chair of the meeting, calls the AGM to order at 7:03pm.

2. Confirm a Quorum of ten members in person and by proxy

Keith confirms quorum is achieved.

3. Minutes of meeting held on June 4, 2023

Keith presented the minutes of the June 4, 2023 AGM. Subject to a minor spelling correction,

Motion to accept proposed by: Vinit Kudva

Seconded by: Richard Pound

Accepted unanimously

4. Chairman's Annual Report

Keith Flavell reviews the 2023 annual report.

- He noted that regional reports had not been collected yet, but would be circulated as soon as received

- The committee established to explore means of reducing the costs of hosting future Jesters tours, chaired by Kim Watson, had met during the year and presented proposals to the National Committee. Among them was a proposal for a 1-year dues holiday for the regions to allow them to replenish finances after the 2022 tour. It was noted that this was not meant to set a precedent for future years when tours visited.
- Significant events, as always, were the Jesters Tour to South Africa in September 2023, as well as the just-completed Lapham Grant matches in Vancouver. More on these events to follow.

5. Financial Statements for the fiscal year 2023 (Hugh Woolley)

- Hugh Woolley, Treasurer, presented the Financial Statements. He noted that cash in the bank was unusually high at over \$70,000. Among other reasons, this was due to the 75th Jesters Jubilee and the 100th Lapham Grant not only returning the full amount of \$50,000 committed to them, but even returning an additional \$3,000 in profit.
- Of the \$10,000 showing as a commitment to Atlantic Canada, \$5,000 had been paid in early 2024 so only \$5,000 remained on the books.
- He also confirmed that the regional dues holiday was shown in the 2023 financial statements.
- Ed Bracht asked if the cash could be invested in some form of securities in order to generate some income; Hugh responded that because the Jesters Club was unincorporated, the bank was very reluctant to allow any new investment transactions.
- A discussion ensued as to whether the Club should actively look at incorporating, given that financial institutions were increasingly strict about the ownership of accounts, and the advantages and disadvantages of doing so.
- A motion was brought forward to form a committee to consider and recommend whether the Club should incorporate or if any other steps should be taken in this regard.

Motion to form a committee to consider incorporation: Cathy Tuckwell

Seconded: Carolyn Roper

Motion unanimously approved

6. Jesters / Squash Canada Proposal

- Keith outlined a proposal that had been brought forward by Squash Canada for the Jesters and Squash Canada to work together on a coordinated program to encourage and grow post-secondary squash participation. Using Jesters financial support and existing Squash Canada infrastructure, and coordinated by

a dedicated Squash Canada resource, the idea was to encourage wider participation, both individually and through university or other post-secondary schools, in national, regional and local squash events. The initial proposal provided for a 3-year commitment of the National Jesters of \$10,000 per year, and of each regional Jesters committee of \$2,000 per year.

- He noted that a committee of Jesters, representing all regions, would be set up to work with Jamie Nicholl's team at Squash Canada to develop more specific recommendations and make sure the program smoothly integrated with the ongoing programs and the financial needs and capacity of each region.
- Keith opened the discussion for questions. Numerous valuable questions and comments were received and discussed. Among other comments, it was emphasized that the program needed to be designed in each region so that it did not duplicate existing events and to recognize that different regions would have different existing situations and financial resources, that an important emphasis should be on reaching out to players at the grass roots level (ie. beyond schools or programs that already had organized squash activities), and the importance of ongoing communication.
- Keith thanked all participants for their valuable input. Kim Watson noted that she would also take this feedback directly to Squash Canada, where she served on the Board of Directors.

7. Lapham – Grant matches

- The 2024 Lapham Grant matches were just played in Vancouver. On behalf of the Jesters, Keith thanked Cathy Brown, Chair of the event, and her entire team for the tremendously successful event.
- The 2025 Lapham Grant will be held in Boston, MA, in April 2025. Keith noted that Rob Birrell had accepted to be the Lapham Grant captain, and that a decision on the Crawford and Lawrence Wilkins captains should be expected shortly.

8. Jesters Tours

2023 Tour of South Africa

- Kim Watson (captain of the Canadian touring team) provided a report on the September 2023 tour of South Africa. She described an extraordinary tour, noting that in addition to squash the team had played considerable amounts of padel and squash doubles (on the singles court). Kim advised that a written report/photo album was in the works.

In-Bound 2024 Tour of the English Jesters

- The UK Jesters would be visiting Canada in the fall of 2024. A team of 7 players was expected, and under the national coordination of Phil Quintal the team would be touring the country from west to east.

9. Election of Executive Committee members

- Keith presented the rota of proposed Executive Committee members had been circulated for approval.

Motion to approve: Peter Reimer

Seconded: Carolyn Roper

Unanimously approved.

- Keith noted that there were currently two vacancies on the Executive Committee. If filled, they would serve on an interim basis until approved at the next AGM.

(Note: subsequent to the AGM, Cathy Tuckwell (Ontario) and Lester Jinks (Atlantic) joined the Executive Committee)

10. Other Business

- Ed Bracht noted that in 2027 the TCSCC would be celebrating its 200th anniversary, and that the Jesters (individually or collectively) might consider organizing an event to commemorate this anniversary. Karen Levine added that the BC Jesters' summer event was being held from July 12-14, and there was an open invitation to anyone to join in the festivities.

There being no further business, at 8:14pm

Meeting Adjourned.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between:
Squash Canada
And
The Jesters Club of Canada

Re: The Jesters Canadian University Squash Championship Program (2026–2028)

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) establishes a partnership between Squash Canada and the Jesters Club of Canada to develop and implement the *Jesters Canadian University Squash Championship Program* from 2026 to 2028. This initiative is designed to create a sustainable, integrated, and nationally recognized University/Collegiate (U/C) squash pathway in Canada.

Vision and Objectives

To develop a national U/C squash program leveraging existing infrastructure and institutional interest to foster competitive, inclusive, and scalable squash participation across Canada, culminating in a national championship event.

- Formalize a national university squash structure through regional and national competitions.
- Double the number of active U/C squash players by 2030.
- Achieve full gender parity in national participation.
- Secure eligibility for eventual inclusion in U SPORTS.

Program Structure

1. Regional Championships (November–February)

Up to six regional events across:

- British Columbia
- The Prairies
- Manitoba
- Ontario
- Québec
- Atlantic Canada

2. National Championship (January 2026–2028)

To be held annually, beginning in 2026 in Montreal, Québec.

- Tiered individual competitions (Open, A, etc.)
- Team Championships (top three male and female players from each region)

- Four National Champions will be recognized:
 - Men's Individual Champion
 - Women's Individual Champion
 - Men's Team Champion
 - Women's Team Champion

Squash Canada Commitments:

- Appoint a dedicated staff member to manage the U/C squash program.
- Coordinate administration, Jesters U/C National task Force, and alignment with Provincial/Territorial (P/T) squash bodies.
- Lead national-level marketing, communications, and event operations.
- Recognize the Jesters Club of Canada as:
 - **Title Sponsor** of the 2026–2028 Canadian University Championships.
 - **Gold Corporate Partner** (valued at \$12,500 annually), with logo recognition on:
 - Squash Canada website
 - Jonathon Power Glass Court at five major national events:
 - Canadian Women's Open
 - Canadian Men's Open
 - Canadian Junior Open
 - Canadian Junior Championships
 - Canadian Senior Championships

Jesters Club of Canada Commitments:

- Contribute up to **\$10,000 annually (2026–2028)** to the program (matching \$2000 annually per region)
- Provide member representation on the national task force, chaired by Squash Canada.
- Promote the university squash program within the Jesters network.

Regional Jesters Clubs Commitments (recommended):

- Contribute up to **\$2,000 annually per region in matching support.**
- Work with P/T squash associations to ensure at least three male and three female athletes from each region attend the National Championships.

Funding Allocation (Annual per Region)

Total Annual Budget Per Region: **\$4,000**

- **\$500** – Regional Event Hosting (e.g., facility rental, fee subsidies)
 - **\$500** – Team Recruitment & Outreach (e.g., local coaching support)
 - **\$3,000** – National Championship Travel Subsidies (\$500 x 6 athletes)
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Jesters International Tours

Date	Host Country	Touring Country
2025	United States	South Africa
	South Africa	United Kingdom
	Australia	United States
2026	United Kingdom	Canada
2027	Canada	South Africa
	South Africa	United States
2028	United Kingdom 100th Jubilee	United States
		South Africa
		Canada
		Australia
2029	South Africa	Canada
	United States	United Kingdom
2030	Canada	United States
2031	United Kingdom	United States
	United States	Australia
Date	Host Country	Touring Country

ROTA FOR INTERNATIONAL TOURS

RECEIVING TOURS

	U.S.A.	U.K.	S.Africa	Canada	Australia
2025	S. Africa	–	U.K.	–	U.S.A.
2026	–	Canada	–	–	–
2027	–	–	U.S.A	S. Africa	–
2028		100th Jubilee + Australia (informal)			
2029	U.K.	–	Canada	–	–
2030	–	–	–	U.S.A	–
2031	Australia	U.S.A.	–	–	–



Message from Ray Bertrand

We are excited to begin planning our teams for the 2026 Lapham Grant, Crawford, and Lawrence Wilkins events in Montreal, Quebec, (April 23, 2026 through April 26, 2026).

The Lapham Grant Matches consist of competitions for the Lapham Trophy (Men's singles), the Grant Trophy (Men's doubles), the Crawford Cup (Women's singles and doubles) and the Lawrence-Wilkins Trophy (Men over 65 years of age). We have a full weekend planned with matches starting **Thursday evening**. Therefore players should plan to arrive on Thursday in Montreal. (yes... a special incentive will be granted to those Thursday players - more to come on that!)

It is a tradition that the captains cooperate to make sure that their teams are balanced, and that matches are played in an atmosphere of camaraderie, goodwill, and sportsmanship. Matches are not refereed, therefore the highest standards of fair play are essential among participants.

This grand social event has many unique traditions, including the Friday evening Captains' reception and a Saturday night black-tie banquet.

As usual, demand for a spot on the Canadian team is high. We ask that you respond to this expression of interest form by Dec 19, 2025. We plan to start sending invitations in early January so that attendees have plenty of time to arrange travel to La Belle Provence. We appreciate your patience as we work towards building a lineup that broadly represents Canadian squash – and is both competitive and social in nature.

Registration fees are estimated to be between \$500 and \$550 per player, but subsidized for players under 30 years of age. The fees are to be confirmed, but will include ample food and beverages throughout the weekend. In addition, the host committee in Montreal will also be securing a block rate at local hotels that are conveniently situated near the venues. Travel and accommodation will be at each player's expense.

Current event details are being ironed out, but you can rest assured the festivities will be merry and include, but not limited to, the following with the Atwater Club being the title host club:

- Thursday evening opening matches (4 total matches) and welcome reception off-site grand pub oddly anxious and ready to host the two competing nations.
- Friday match play (Atwater Club and McGill)
- Friday night post-matches dinner and drinks event (Atwater club)
- Saturday match play (Atwater Club and McGill)
- Saturday night black tie dinner with awards, libations and live music
- Sunday AM post-match awards breakfast and good-byes



Lapham Grant Captain - Ray Bertrand - raybertrand6363@gmail.com

Crawford Cup Co-Captains - Amelia Knapp - agrk@gmail.com
Kelly Kuru - kellykuru@gmail.com

Lawrence Wilkens Captain - Michael Martin - MMartin@colby-monet.com

Atwater Club, Montreal April 23-26, 2026

Expression of Interest to play:

NAME: EMAIL ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE NUMBERS: Cell: Other:

PLAYERS FEE: Approximately \$500-550 (Payable only upon receiving official invite)

I am confirming my interest in playing for Canada in the 2026 Lapham Grant.

I understand that this expression of interest indicates my willingness to play and does not necessarily mean I will receive an invitation.

Confirming interest in either:

Lapham Grant [] Lawrence Wilkins [] Crawford Cup []

I would like to play: Doubles Only: _____ Wall (R or L or B of both): _____

Singles Softball Only _____ Doubles and/or Singles _____

Demand for this event is very high and the purposes of this form are to identify who is available and interested in playing, but also to ensure that as many players as possible know of the event and have the opportunity to apply. Skill, enthusiasm, involvement and contribution to the development of the game of squash are all key factors in the selection process.

Please fill out this form and return it via email to: Ray Bertrand, Montreal 2026 Canadian Lapham Grant Captain: raybertrand6363@gmail.com

The Jesters Club of Canada



Balance Sheet (December 31, 2024)

	2024	2023
Assets		
Cash ¹	\$ 55,864	\$ 43,180
Marketable Securities (FMV \$84,122) ²	\$ 50,186	\$ 49,124
Dues receivable ³	\$ 16,760	\$ -
Inventory ⁴	\$ 2,209	\$ 2,209
75th Receivables	\$ -	\$ 30,789
Total Assets	\$ 125,019	\$ 125,302
Liabilities		
Maritime Squash Initiative Payable ⁵	\$ 5,000	\$ 10,000
Tour Expenses Payable	\$ -	\$ 1,585
Total Liabilities	\$ 5,000	\$ 11,585
Reserves		
Lapham Grant Reserve ⁶	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000
International Tour Reserve	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000
Total Reserve	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000
Equity		
Opening Equity	\$ 63,717	\$ 33,425
Net Income	\$ 6,302	\$ 30,292
Total Equity	\$ 70,019	\$ 63,717
Total Liabilities, Reserve, and Equity	\$ 125,019	\$ 125,302

Notes

1. Cash in bank at April 30, 2025 was \$63,784.

2. FMV of the Marketable Securities was as follows:

	<u>Dec. 31, 2023</u>	<u>Dec. 31, 2024</u>	<u>Mar. 31, 2025</u>
\$	71,194	\$ 84,122	\$ 82,902

3. \$15,120 received in 2025 year-to-date. Edmonton (\$840) and Manitoba (\$800) amounts still outstanding as of May 20, 2025. The amounts for Edmonton and Manitoba are estimates based on 2022 dues received.

4. Assume no change in inventory during 2024. Uncertain where this inventory resides.

5. \$5,000 paid in February 2025.

6. Emergency contingency fund for future Lapham Grant events.



Income Statement (For the Year Ended December 31, 2024)

	2024	2023
Revenue		
Investment Income	\$ 1,062	\$ 1,172
Dues ¹	\$ 16,760	\$ -
Recovery of 75th Jubilee Celebration	\$ -	\$ 25,000
75th Profit Contribution	\$ -	\$ 5,789
Total Revenue	\$ 17,822	\$ 31,961
Expenses		
Tour expenses	\$ 10,256	\$ 1,585
Rosters from U.K.	\$ 682	\$ -
Website hosting	\$ 582	\$ -
Dues adjustment	\$ -	\$ 80
Interest and bank charges	\$ -	\$ 4
Total Expense	\$ 11,520	\$ 1,669
Net Income	\$ 6,302	\$ 30,292

Notes

1. Dues are broken down as follows:

	2024	2023
British Columbia	\$ 4,160	\$ -
Calgary	\$ 2,100	\$ -
Edmonton	\$ 840	\$ -
Manitoba	\$ 800	\$ -
Ontario	\$ 5,960	\$ -
Quebec	\$ 2,200	\$ -
Maritimes	\$ 700	\$ -
	\$ 16,760	\$ -

All amounts received by May 1, 2025 save for Edmonton and Manitoba. However, the Quebec payment was not deposited by April 30, 2025 and it is not included in the April 30, 2025 bank balance as outlined above.



Your TD Mutual Funds investment account statement

January 1, 2025 to **March 31, 2025**

Account Number: 7746234

Account Type: Non-Registered

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Your account at a glance



Value of your
account on
Mar 31, 2025

\$82,902.14

	This period (Jan 1 - Mar 31, 2025)	Year to date (Jan 1 - Mar 31, 2025)	Since Jan 1, 2016
Beginning balance	\$84,122.46	\$84,122.46	\$30,926.67
Deposits or contributions	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00
Change in value of your account	-\$1,220.32	-\$1,220.32	\$41,975.47
Ending balance	\$82,902.14	\$82,902.14	\$82,902.14
Reinvested distributions	\$271.78	\$271.78	\$7,034.92

► Please refer to the definitions section for more information on what is included in the deposits, contributions, and withdrawals lines in the above summary.

You need to know

Please see the **Important information about your account** section found below **Details of fees and charges**.

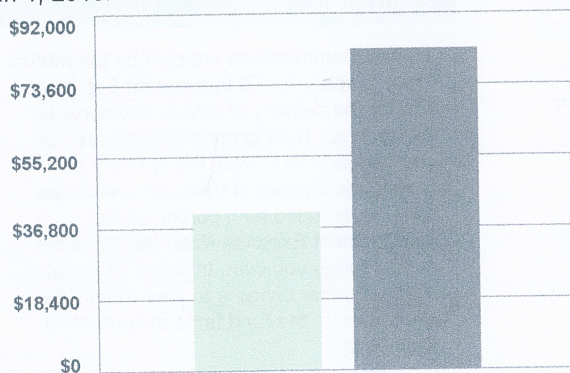


Change in the value of investments: **\$32,444.86**

At the statement date, we subtract the book cost of your investments from the market value to determine the unrealized gain or loss. For additional information, please see page 2 of your statement.

How your account has performed

Your account has changed in value by **\$41,975.47** since Jan 1, 2016.



Your invested capital since Jan 1, 2016 : **\$40,926.67**
 Market value of your account as of Mar 31, 2025 : **\$82,902.14**

Your invested capital is the closing market value on Dec 31, 2015 or the opening date of your account, if on or after Jan 1, 2016, plus the market value of deposits, contributions and transfers into your account, less any withdrawals and transfers out of your account, and less any applicable fees or charges. It does not include interest or reinvested distributions.

Your personal rate of return as of Mar 31, 2025

For this quarter	For the last 12 months	For the last 3 years	For the last 5 years	Since Jan 1, 2016
-1.45%	9.73%	4.64%	14.22%	8.35%

Personal rate of return reflects the total percentage return earned on the investments held in your account. Total percentage return means the cumulative realized and unrealized capital gains and losses of an investment, plus income from the investment, over a specified period of time, expressed as a percentage.

Personal rate of return is calculated using a money-weighted methodology. Unlike alternative rate of return methodologies, it takes into account any deposits or withdrawals you have made, and the performance outcomes of your investments over a specified time period, net of fees and charges paid. Rates of return are provided on an annualized basis except for any returns reflective of a period of less than one year.



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Your TD Mutual Funds investment account statement

October 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024

Account Number: 7746234

Account Type: Non-Registered

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Your account at a glance



Value of your account on Dec 31, 2024

\$84,122.46

You need to know

Please see the **Important information about your account** section found below **Details of fees and charges**.

	This period (Oct 1 - Dec 31, 2024)	Year to date (Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2024)	Since Jan 1, 2016
Beginning balance	\$81,264.71	\$71,194.46	\$30,926.67
Deposits or contributions	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00
Change in value of your account	\$2,857.75	\$12,928.00	\$43,195.79
Ending balance	\$84,122.46	\$84,122.46	\$84,122.46
Reinvested distributions	\$245.48	\$1,061.52	\$6,763.14

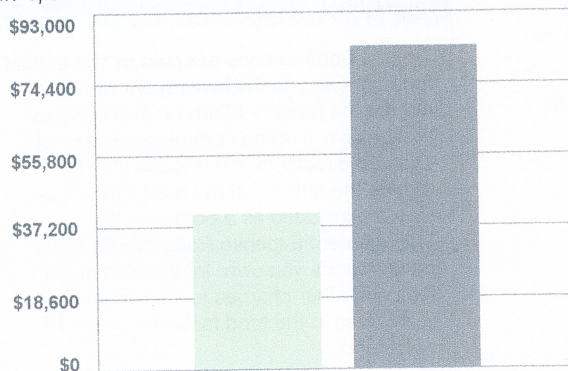
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Change in the value of investments: \$33,936.96

At the statement date, we subtract the book cost of your investments from the market value to determine the unrealized gain or loss. For additional information, please see page 2 of your statement.

How your account has performed

Your account has changed in value by **\$43,195.79** since Jan 1, 2016.



■ Your invested capital since Jan 1, 2016 : **\$40,926.67**
■ Market value of your account as of Dec 31, 2024 : **\$84,122.46**

Your invested capital is the closing market value on Dec 31, 2015 or the opening date of your account, if on or after Jan 1, 2016, plus the market value of deposits, contributions and transfers into your account, less any withdrawals and transfers out of your account, and less any applicable fees or charges. It does not include interest or reinvested distributions.

Your personal rate of return as of Dec 31, 2024

For this quarter	For the last 12 months	For the last 3 years	For the last 5 years	Since Jan 1, 2016
3.52%	18.16%	7.56%	9.26%	8.79%

Personal rate of return reflects the total percentage return earned on the investments held in your account. Total percentage return means the cumulative realized and unrealized capital gains and losses of an investment, plus income from the investment, over a specified period of time, expressed as a percentage.

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