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Canadian Jesters Who Have Passed 2026

- **Alberta (formerly Prairies)**
 - Gord Rutherford
 - Dave McFarlane
- **Quebec**
 - Paul Yaphe
- **Ontario**
 - David Bogert
 - Arnold Massey
 - Paul Wilson
- **Atlantic**
- **British Columbia**
 - Glen Poier
- **Manitoba**

2026 CANADIAN JESTERS NATIONAL EXECUTIVE



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Jay Nash - Province of Ontario

Iain Crozier - Province of Manitoba

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Newfoundland.Nova Scotia New Brunswick.Prince Edward Island

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The Jesters Club of Canada

Minutes

Annual General Meeting of the Jesters Club of Canada

Tuesday May 20, 2025, 7 pm EDT

Meeting held remotely via Zoom

Jesters Members Present:

Hugh Woolley, Mike Letourneau, David Hotham, Eric Watson, Tim Bovaird, Peter Hall, Ray Bertrand, Andrew Lynn, Jay Nash, Kim Watson, Karen Levine, Peter Reimer, Bob Ferguson, John Hungerford, Phil Quintal, Mike Jackson, Tasha Doucas, Sam Creamer, Judy Martin, Rob Warden, Cathy Vinit Kudva, Andrew de Courcey Ireland, Shaun Thorson, Dean Brown, Keith Flavell

1. Call to order

Keith Flavell, Chair of the meeting, calls the AGM to order at 7:04pm.

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

Keith confirms quorum is achieved.

3. Minutes of meeting held on April 30, 2024

Keith presented the minutes of the April 30, 2024 AGM. Subject to a minor spelling correction,

Motion to accept proposed by: Tim Bovaird

Seconded by: Cathy Tuckwell

Accepted unanimously

4. Chairman's Annual Report

Keith Flavell reviews the 2024 annual report.

- He noted that all regions had been very busy during the year. Not all regions had yet held their regional AGMs and so a full description, including information on new Jesters, had not been completed, but would be circulated as soon as received.
- Significant events, as always, were the UK Jesters tour of Canada in September, as well as the Lapham Grant matches in Boston. Also, there had been developments in the Squash Canada / Jester National project. More on these events to follow later in the meeting.

5. Financial Statements for the fiscal year 2024 (Hugh Woolley)

Hugh Woolley, Treasurer, presented the Financial Statements.

- He first noted that all dues (except Manitoba) had now been received, and he expressed his thanks. He then provided an overview of the P&L and the Balance Sheet for the year. There was over \$55,000 in cash in the Club's account, in addition to securities with a current market value of \$84,000.

- Mike Latourneau asked about the note in the statements questioning the content and location of inventory. A discussion ensued which concluded that there should be a focus going forward on creating and centralizing a national inventory of Canadian Jesters clothing/merchandise, and on the possibility of creating (or tapping into) an on-line store of Jesters swag.
- Vinit Kudva asked about progress on a national Jesters website. Tasha Doucas responded that she had been working with Al Hunt on the project. A lot of progress had been made and a lot of material collected, but Tasha indicated she work circle back with Al and provide a subsequent update.
- Kim Watson suggested that there should be a standard, national logo / branding for the Club. It was agreed this would be particularly timely given the national Squash Canada project being developed.

Motion to accept the 2024 Financial Statements : Bob Ferguson

Seconded: Vinit Kudva

Motion unanimously approved

6. Jesters / Squash Canada Proposal

- Keith reminded the meeting about the overall purpose of the Proposal, which had been outlined in 2024. He advised that a committee of Jesters, formed mostly of younger members with a closer attachment to the university squash scene, had been set up, had held initial meetings, and had prepared the Jesters Canadian University Squash Championship Program (2026-2028) that was now presented before the meeting.
- The Program's basic premise was that, with an overall goal of revitalizing and scaling national participation in regional university and post-secondary tournaments leading to a national championship with broad and high-level participation, Squash Canada would provide dedicated manpower to oversee the program, and that the Jesters (in addition to providing members to serve on the committee) would provide financial support along the lines of: a three-year annual commitment of \$10,000 from the National Jesters, and up to a matching amount of \$2,000 per year per region (BC, Alta, Ont, Que, Maritimes).
- Dean Brown asked how the Manitoba region fit into the project, and Kim described for him the situation in Alberta and suggested that Manitoba could perhaps be folded into Alberta for purposes of the Project.
- A number of detailed questions were asked. Specifically, it was noted that there needed to be clear communication with all of the targeted schools ASAP, and that there was concern that the program not be duplicative of support that was already provided by some of the regional Jesters groups. Bureaucracy needed to be coordinated in each region, as it was important that this project not fail. Also, it wasn't clear that the various spending allocations were realistic – for example, \$500 was not a sufficient amount to cover the costs of sending participants to the national championship if any air travel was involved. Vinit noted that, since certain regions were already providing financial support to students to participate in events, it wasn't all new money that the regions had to find, and to the extent that regions could afford the amounts in the Program, then in fact perhaps more than \$500 per participant was available.
- It was concluded that more work was required, and details shared and worked through with the regions, for the Program to be the success we all wanted it to be.
- Peter Reimer advised the meeting that contractors had been hired to build four new international courts at the University of Manitoba, and that a new executive director and a squash pro were going to be hired. Everyone congratulated Peter on this excellent development.

7. Lapham – Grant matches

- The 2025 Lapham Grant matches were played in Boston in April, hosted by the University Club and the Harvard Club. They were a great success as always. On behalf of the Jesters, Keith thanked Canadian captains Rob Birrell, Bryan Murray, _____ for their efforts in leading Canada's team.
- The 2026 Lapham Grant will be held in Montreal at the Atwater Club (perhaps using the McGill doubles court as well, which was due to be refurbished in the fall). Although hoping for delegates, Keith was reconciled to the fact that he would likely chair the event. He noted that Ray Bertrand 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

In-Bound 2024 Tour of the English Jesters

- Phil Quintal provided a recap of the UK Jesters visit to Canada in September 2024. The tour, bucking tradition, had proceeded from west to east, allowing the visitors to enjoy nicer than usual weather on the western leg of the tour. A tremendous time had been enjoyed by all visitors and hosts alike. On behalf of everyone, Keith thanked Phil for coordinating the visit, and all the local members who had been just gracious hosts across the country.

Keith also noted that a "local" mini-tour of Jesters was visiting Montreal. With the visitors paying their way, although still hosted at local Jesters homes, the tour was for 3 days of golf, squash and padel (and perhaps some racquets as well), and it was hoped this could become a regular, less demanding way for groups of Jesters (especially between Canada and the US) could experience the Jester hospitality.

9. Election of Executive Committee members

- Keith advised that, with this meeting, his term as Chair was coming to an end. Mike Letourneau was stepping into the role as Chair, with David Hotham becoming Vice Chair. It was proposed that Alex Carter be approved as Secretary of the Jesters. All other Executive Members would stay in place.

Motion to approve: Cathy Tuckwell

Seconded: Jay Nash

Unanimously approved.

10. Other Business

There being no further business, at 8:10pm

Meeting Adjourned.

Canadian Summary: National Chair's Reflection

By Canadian Chair Mike Letourneau

When reviewing our collective accomplishments across Canada, it is incredibly rewarding to see how a unified national vision is being brought to life through dedicated local action.

As a group, the Canadian Jesters have successfully aligned around three profound pillars that ensure the longevity and vibrancy of our sport: building out post-secondary university programming, championing grassroots junior development, and investing in vital facility infrastructure.

Our university initiatives are gaining remarkable momentum, highlighted by Quebec successfully hosting a record-breaking Canadian University and College Championship, Ontario managing a highly competitive 20-team university league, and the Atlantic region launching a new rotating University Squash Series. This deep collegiate synergy positions us perfectly to collaborate with Squash Canada on establishing an official National University Championship.

Simultaneously, our commitment to the next generation remains unwavering. From the massive participant turnouts at the Alberta Junior Open and Manitoba's inaugural Prairie Jesters Junior Open, to grassroots initiatives like BC's Travelling Jesters and the Nova Scotia SquashEd program, we are actively breaking down barriers and welcoming new athletes to the court.

Finally, we recognize that this surging growth cannot be sustained without places to play. Facing a national challenge of shrinking facility footprints, our members have stepped up with direct action—evidenced by Manitoba driving the near-completion of a brand-new court hub at the University of Manitoba, and Quebec Jesters providing the funding and physical labor to completely refurbish McGill's doubles court, and the Atlantic Jesters stepping in to try and save 2 squash courts.

Bridged by international tours and local fellowship, what we accomplish together as a group goes far beyond organizing tournaments; we are laying down the structural and community foundations required for Canadian squash to thrive for generations to come.



Canadian UK Report 2025

Alberta Region (Chair: Ted Fleming)

The Alberta Jesters continued to advance their mission of supporting junior squash through Community, Camaraderie, and Competition during the 2025–2026 season.

Through sponsorship of the Alberta Junior Bronze Series, which attracted 135 participants, and the 44th annual Alberta Jesters Junior Open, which welcomed 243 athletes, the chapter created vital development opportunities for young players.

They also demonstrated their commitment to excellence by providing financial assistance via IDK RoofPro to five provincial athletes competing in the 2026 Canadian Junior Championships in Vancouver. Combined with local community-building initiatives like the Christmas Doubles Classic, the Alberta chapter continues to strengthen the sport through robust collaborative support from its members, volunteers, and sponsors.

Also of note was Alberta Jester Danielle Letourneau retiring from Women's professional squash where she made world#18 and being inducted into Cornell's University Sports Hall of Fame as the second women in Cornell's squash history to do so.

Atlantic Region (Chair: Lester Jinks)

The Atlantic Jesters experienced steady growth, adding three new members to reach their current roster strength. Operationally, the chapter sustained its commitment to grassroots development by supporting junior squash camps and co-leading the Nova Scotia SquashEd program for high school newcomers alongside Janet McLeod.

A major strategic milestone for the region is the launch of the new Atlantic University Squash Series—a post-secondary weekend match initiative kicking off in Halifax in early October that will rotate across Maritime provinces annually to enhance university squash in alignment with Squash Canada.

Looking ahead, members are preparing for a UK tour this September and are looking forward to hosting the incoming South African tour in September 2027.

British Columbia Region (Chair: Karen Levine)

The BC Jesters maintained strong support for junior development by backing the Jesters PNW Junior Tournament, alongside hosting two junior tournaments at the Jericho Tennis Club and one at the Vancouver Lawn Tennis & Badminton Club. The BC Jesters Doubles Tournament and Doubles Calcutta served as their primary fundraising events, channeling crucial financial support into regional junior and post-secondary initiatives.

Their growing partnership with Squash BC thrived through the Post Secondary Institution (PSI) Squash Initiative and the Travelling Jesters Programs, managed under a newly formed formal committee.

In March 2026, the PSI successfully hosted a modified second Provincial Championships at BCIT featuring UBC students and Jesters, with future plans focusing on student-friendly scheduling to boost upcoming tournament participation.

Manitoba Region (Chair: Iain Crozier)

The Manitoba Jesters celebrated a highly successful year focused on premier event hosting and vital infrastructure development as an emerging chapter.

In February, the chapter successfully hosted Manitoba's first-ever National Junior Circuit Gold Event—the Prairie Jesters Junior Open—at the Winnipeg Winter Club, bringing together top junior competitors from Alberta, Ontario, Saskatchewan, and Nova Scotia.

On the infrastructure front, the chapter is nearing completion on state-of-the-art squash courts at the University of Manitoba, a highly anticipated project poised to establish a centralized hub for the provincial squash community. Moving into the fall, the chapter looks to expand its community engagement by integrating new social events directly into the squash calendar.

Ontario Region (Chair: Jay Nash)

The Ontario Jesters achieved expanded programming across all operational levels in 2025, maximizing member engagement through targeted improvements in chapter communication and successful social events like the Spring Party and "SantaPalooza" Christmas gatherings.

The robust Ontario University League featured 20 active teams (11 men's and 9 women's), with Western University claiming both divisions, reflecting an increasingly competitive women's field across regional institutions.

While a proposed National Championship from Squash Canada underscores the health of university programming, Ontario faces significant infrastructure challenges as growing participation clashes with a shrinking facility footprint due to public court removals. Despite these hurdles, the chapter proudly welcomed five new members and celebrated the entry of Lolly Gillen and Paul Deratnay into the Ontario Squash Hall of Fame.

Quebec Region (Chair: Bart Sambrook)

The Quebec Jesters focused heavily on collegiate support and local facility renewal, kicking off the year by supporting the Jesters Canadian University and College Championships hosted at McGill University.

This national tournament drew a record 124 participants from 25 schools across 7 provinces, capturing massive digital reach with over 3,000 live streaming views. Locally, chapter members raised necessary funds and provided volunteer labor to completely refurbish McGill's dilapidated doubles court, adding a vital third court to extend the event-hosting capacity of the Atwater Club.

Additionally, over Memorial Day weekend, the chapter hosted a multi-sport mini-tour for the visiting US Jesters involving squash, rackets, golf, padel, and formal jacket-and-tie dinners, while reporting that no new candidates were invited to join the Quebec chapter ranks in 2025.



Balance Sheet (December 31, 2025)

	2025	2024
Assets		
Cash ¹	\$ 64,884	\$ 55,864
Marketable Securities (FMV \$101,580) ²	\$ 51,106	\$ 50,186
Dues receivable ³	\$ 14,240	\$ 16,760
Inventory ⁴	\$ 2,209	\$ 2,209
Total Assets	\$ 132,439	\$ 125,019
Liabilities		
Maritime Squash Initiative Payable	\$ -	\$ 5,000
Total Liabilities	\$ -	\$ 5,000
Reserves		
Lapham Grant Reserve ⁵	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000
International Tour Reserve	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000
Total Reserve	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000
Equity		
Opening Equity	\$ 70,019	\$ 63,717
Net Income	\$ 12,420	\$ 6,302
Total Equity	\$ 82,439	\$ 70,019
Total Liabilities, Reserve, and Equity	\$ 132,439	\$ 125,019

Notes

1. Cash in bank at April 30, 2026 was \$80,574. There is an uncashed cheque outstanding of \$2,500 relating to the 2025 Canadian University Championship (issued December 2025).

2. FMV of the Marketable Securities was as follows:

	<u>Dec. 31, 2024</u>	<u>Dec. 31, 2025</u>	<u>Mar. 31, 2026</u>
\$	84,122	\$ 101,580	\$ 102,837

3. Entire amount of \$14,240 received as of March 13, 2026.

4. Assume no change in inventory during 2025. Uncertain where this inventory resides.

5. Emergency contingency fund for future Lapham Grant events.



Income Statement (For the Year Ended December 31, 2025)

	2025	2024
Revenue		
Investment Income	\$ 920	\$ 1,062
Dues ¹	\$ 16,480	\$ 16,760
Total Revenue	\$ 17,400	\$ 17,822
Expenses		
University Squash Initiative	\$ 2,500	\$ -
Canadian University Championship	\$ 2,500	\$ -
Dues adjustment ²	\$ (20)	\$ -
Tour expenses	\$ -	\$ 10,256
Rosters from U.K.	\$ -	\$ 682
Website hosting	\$ -	\$ 582
Total Expense	\$ 4,980	\$ 11,520
Net Income	\$ 12,420	\$ 6,302

Notes

1. Dues are broken down as follows:

	2025	2024
British Columbia	\$ 4,080	\$ 4,160
Calgary	\$ 1,960	\$ 2,100
Edmonton	\$ 640	\$ 840
Manitoba	\$ 880	\$ 800
Ontario	\$ 5,600	\$ 5,960
Quebec	\$ 2,240	\$ 2,200
Maritimes	\$ 1,080	\$ 700
	\$ 16,480	\$ 16,760

All amounts received by March 13, 2026.

2. Dues adjustment pertains to estimating prior year dues for Edmonton and Manitoba which were received after the financial statements were issued.



Your TD Mutual Funds investment account statement

January 1, 2026 to March 31, 2026

Account Number: 7746234

Account Type: Non-Registered

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Your account at a glance

Value of your account on Mar 31, 2026
\$102,836.95

	This period (Jan 1 - Mar 31, 2026)	Year to date (Jan 1 - Mar 31, 2026)	Since Jan 1, 2016
Beginning balance	\$101,579.66	\$101,579.66	\$30,926.67
Deposits or contributions	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00
Change in value of your account	\$1,257.29	\$1,257.29	\$61,910.28
Ending balance	\$102,836.95	\$102,836.95	\$102,836.95
Reinvested distributions	\$167.55	\$167.55	\$7,851.08

► 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

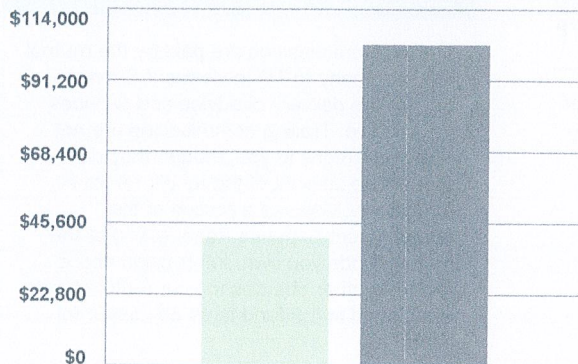
Please see the **Important information about your account** section found below **Details of fees and charges**.

Change in the value of investments: **\$51,563.51**

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 **\$61,910.28** since Jan 1, 2016.



Your invested capital since Jan 1, 2016 : **\$40,926.67**

Market value of your account as of Mar 31, 2026 : **\$102,836.95**

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, 2026

For the last 12 months	For the last 3 years	For the last 5 years	Since Jan 1, 2016
24.05%	15.55%	11.91%	9.85%

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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The funds you hold in your account on March 31, 2026

Description	Quantity	Price (\$)	Book cost (\$)	Market value (\$)	Unrealized gain or loss (\$)	% of your holdings (Cdn\$)
Cdn \$ funds						
DIVIDEND GRTH-I	653.597	157.3400	51,273.44	102,836.95	51,563.51	100.00%
Total of all your funds in Canadian dollars			\$51,273.44	\$102,836.95	\$51,563.51	100.00%

Definitions

Book cost means the total amount paid to purchase an investment, including any transaction charges related to the purchase, adjusted for reinvested distributions, return of capital and corporate reorganizations.

Deposits or contributions can include any deposits, purchases, transfers into your account, and any reversals of withdrawals or transfers-out of your account.

Market value is the price of the fund multiplied by the quantity held. The price of the fund is calculated using the fund's net asset value.

Withdrawals can include any withdrawals, transfers out of your account, redemptions, and any reversals of purchases or transfers into your account.

Unrealized gain or loss is the gain or loss on a fund that would be incurred, if your holdings were liquidated as at the end of the statement period. It is calculated by subtracting book cost from market value.

Activity in your account this period

► Where fund descriptions have a **U**, all dollar values in the row are provided in USD.

Date	Activity	Description	Quantity	Price (\$)	Amount (\$)	Deductions (\$)	Net Amount (\$)
Mar 30	REINVESTED DIST	TD DIVIDEND GROWTH FUND-I SERIES	1.065	157.3400	167.55	0.00	167.55

Details of fees and charges

Description	This period (Jan 01 - Mar 31, 2026)	Year to date (Jan 01 - Mar 31, 2026)
Trailing commissions we received	\$253.78	\$253.78

A short term trading fee may apply to a redemption of mutual fund securities. If you transfer your registered plan (outside of TD), fees may apply. Fees are subject to change.

Important information about your account

ACTION REQUIRED: Your account information requires an update. Keeping your information up to date allows us to support you and provide suitable investment advice. Please contact us at 1-888-568-0951 or visit your local branch to speak to a mutual funds representative and update your information.

Definition

Trailing Commissions are paid by the mutual fund company to TD Investment Services Inc. for the delivery of advice and services you receive. Trailing commissions are not charged directly to you, though they do reduce the amount of the fund's return as they are included as a portion of the Management Expense Ratio (MER) of the mutual funds you own. Information about fees and other charges to your mutual funds is included in the fund facts document for each fund.



Canadian Jesters Nominations 2026

- Prairies
 - Liam Knapp
 - Mike Robert Knapp Jr
 - Ben Boulanger
 - Katie Boulanger
- Quebec
 - 2027
- Ontario
 - Sam Cornett
 - Kathy Cowper
 - Paula Jenkins
 - Norman Lee
 - Marci Sier
- Atlantic
 - Mike Buchanan
 - Sebastien Michaud
 - Campbell Webster
- British Columbia
 - Address and phone numbers needed
 - Tomos Edmonds
 - Duncan Maxwell
 - Rob McRory
 - Rebecca Vassilakakis
- Manitoba
 - 2027

Jesters International Tour Rota 2027 - 2038					
Host Country					
Year	United Kingdom	United States	South Africa	Canada	Australia
2026	Canada				United States
2027			United States	South Africa	
2028	United Kingdom is hosting all Countries September 8th - 16th for the Centenary Celebrations				
2029					Australia hosting slots are currently blank pending further scheduling and logistical discussions with their national committee
2030	United States	United Kingdom	Canada		
2031					
2032		South Africa		United Kingdom	
2033	South Africa		United States		
2034				South Africa	
2035			United Kingdom		
2036	Canada				
2037			Canada		
2038		South Africa		United Kingdom	

3. How the Rules Were Applied & Adapted

To keep this schedule practical and easy to manage, we used the club's core touring rules as a flexible guide. Here is how the logic works:

- Australia's Integration:** Australia has been formally added to the master matrix to acknowledge their role in the global Jesters community. Their row remains open ("—") so that the club can collectively decide where their incoming and outgoing tours best fit without disrupting the existing arrangements

without disrupting the existing arrangements.

- **The 9-Year Cycle Alignment:** Mathematically, fitting 3-year, 6-year, 8-year, and 9-year rules together perfectly would require a 72-year schedule. To keep things simple for our committees, we adapted the rules into a clean, repeatable 9-year block that hits all major hosting targets.
- **The USA-Canada Divide:** We strictly maintained the rule that the USA and Canada do not host each other. Their tracks remain entirely separate.
- **Minor Adjustments for South Africa:** Because South Africa plays everyone, they naturally have a slightly busier hosting row.



Canadian Jesters to the UK 2026

September 4 to the 20th

- **Alberta (formerly Prairies)**
 - Jack and Sue Hoogstraten
- **Quebec**
 - Bart (Captain) and Sue Sambrook
- **Ontario**
 - Alex and Haelie Carter
- **Atlantic**
 - Lester Jinks and Dawn Shea
- **British Columbia**
 - Natasha Doucas
 - Paul and Jackie Stevenson
- **Manitoba**
 - N/A



JESTERS TOUR GUIDELINES

Dear Michael, Mike, Jim and Jonathan,

Many thanks to all of you for your comments on future Jesters' tour guidelines. The UK discussed this topic at our recent committee meeting and I am coming back to you to try to pull the strands of international thought together. In a delightfully jesterly way we all seem pretty much *ad idem* on most of the areas:

1. Flights TO the host country – I think this is un-contentious and we are all agreed that the tourists pay their own way to get to the host country.

2. Flights WITHIN the host country – we are all agreed that partners pay for their own internal flights but there is a difference of view as to whether the playing Jesters' internal flights should be paid for by the hosts. Our view in the UK is that we don't need a hard and fast rule as to who pays but rather, when the host country extends the invitation, those organising should make clear what internal flights will be involved and who they envisage should pay. Doing it this way will ensure there is no embarrassment on either side and also any tourists signing up for the tour do so with their eyes open at the outset.

3. Car hire – the majority view is that hosts would normally pay for this but we quite understand that this could involve substantial cost potentially spread over a small number of shoulders so, again, the UK view was that there should be no hard and fast rule but that it should again just be made clear up front when inviting the tourists what would be involved.

4. Petrol – the majority view is that the tourists should pick up their own tab for petrol and, as long as Mike can live with this, I think this is how we should proceed (apart from anything else, there is the logistical problem of how the tab is picked up by the hosts when the tourists are on the road without any host presence).

5. Meals – I think we are agreed that for "ordinary" tour days, playing Jesters' (and probably their partners') meals would be picked up by the host country. On 'off days' the majority view is that the touring Jesters and their partners should pick up their own meal tabs.

In relation to "extraordinary" annual weekend type events (which may only apply to the US and the UK – but I may be wrong on this), the UK Committee's view is that there should be no hard and fast rule. When inviting the tourists, the host country should make clear what US-style annual weekend/UK Cambridge weekend type events will be included in the tour and whether playing Jesters' partners' (and, indeed, the playing jesters' themselves') costs for these will be met by the host country and, if not, the magnitude for cost involved so that those touring (and, more to the point, contemplating bringing their partners) have a handle on the costs involved up front.

6. Billets/hotels – we are all agreed that these will normally be met by the host country.



7. No of tourists/partners – with the exception of our voracious South Africans setting their limit at 12, the majority view is that playing numbers should probably be limited to 6. Our view in the UK, based on our past experience, is that having many more than 6 playing Jesters leads to pressure on court time and availability and with it the structure of events – particularly as most evening matches are followed by a dinner and if there is limited court availability, this can mean people sitting down to dinner at nearly midnight.

In relation to partners touring, based on past experience there would never be more than two or three and I suspect going forward this should probably be limited to partners/wives and, now we have lady members, husbands.

8. Should hosts provide gifts/kit – the majority view is that this was not expected.

9. Team mix – the view was expressed that there should be a mix of players to include some good and young players and, ideally, a spread of age groups.

10. Who should pay for participation in non-Jesters sports events e.g. golf, baseball, hockey etc.

There was some debate on this and I think the best solution once again is to leave it to the judgement of the host country, asking them to make it clear when extending the invitation who would be paying for what (differentiating as necessary between playing touring Jesters and their partners) and the likely costs involved. The UK Committee has in mind that we typically send some quite young Jesters (in their twenties) on these tours, many of them still in a somewhat impecunious state and we wouldn't want the embarrassment of withdrawal on economic grounds after sign-up! Much better they know upfront what's involved and sign up with their eyes open.

Inevitably we haven't got clear resolution on all of the issues but hopefully with this as a proposed framework we at least have something we can work with going forward.

Do let me know if you have any comments or think I've got anything wrong or misrepresented you in any way.

With best regards

Gareth



“The Just Jestorian’s”

History of the Canadian Jesters - 1978 - 2026

In preparation for the UK Jesters’ centenary celebrations in 2028 and in anticipation that our friends from across the pond will be requesting a suitable account of the Canadian Jesters for the occasion, we have undertaken this noble endeavour with a rare collective of Jesters claiming some residual lucidity, in Michael Jackson, Alan Hunt, Marc Lalonde, and yours truly.

This committee of certainly not entitled “Just-Jestorians”, and clearly in need of greater assistance, are calling upon all Jesters who believe they possess tales worth preserving for Jesterity and posterity to share these noble recollections with us.

Our mission is to distill seventy-five years of Canadian Jester history, achievements, adventures, and occasional misadventures into a concise narrative that will also serve as the foundation for a more comprehensive chronicle to follow.

Cheers and happy hunting.

Michael Letourneau

CANADIAN JESTERS — MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY BY REGION

Active, Retired, Honorary Life and Life members. Figures update automatically as members are added to each region tab.

Region	Active	Retired	Honorary Life	Life	Region Total
British Columbia	107	1	0	0	108
Alberta	76	1	0	0	77
Manitoba	25	0	0	0	25
Ontario	146	8	3	0	157
Quebec	56	8	0	0	64
Atlantic	34	0	0	0	34
Overseas	3	0	0	0	3
TOTAL	447	18	3	0	468

MEMBERS

35. Membership.

The Club shall have the following classes of membership:

- (a) **Active Member** – members duly nominated by a Regional Branch and approved by the National Committee and UK Committee. Active Members shall pay annual dues and may vote at all meetings of members.
- (b) **Retired Members** – members of 25 or more years of good standing and at least 70 years of age may apply for retired status. Retired Members will remain in the roster designated as "Retired" and shall not be required to pay annual dues. Retired Members shall not be eligible to nominate, support or vote on new members or vote at meetings of members but shall be entitled to receive all mailings from the Club and attend all Club events.
- (c) **Honorary Life Member** – this category of membership will be granted by the National Committee in recognition of outstanding service to the Club. It must be approved by unanimous vote of the National Committee. Honorary Life Members will pay no annual dues but will have all the rights of Active Members.
- (d) **Life Member** - this category of membership shall be granted by either the National Committee or by a Regional Committee to a Jester who has been a member in good standing for at least 50