

Greetings to all Ontario Jesters. A little snow on the ground tells us Christmas is just around the corner. And hopefully most if not all of you are back on the courts enjoying the game and social aspects afterwards.

For those who attended our Social Event on October 1st, it was a memorable event. Over 90 Jesters and guests enjoyed cocktails and appetizers as Rob Warden serenaded us in the background.



We were finally able to introduce our new inductees for 2020 (Annette White, John Wildman, John Hall and also Jim Paton and Cliff Sparkes in absentia).



And of course, we were also able to celebrate our justly deserved Jester of the Year Award with Rea Godbold. As shy as he is he regaled us with stories from the past and how many friends he has made over the years associated with squash and the Jesters – well done Rea.



We continue to support Squash Ontario in both the Junior and University Leagues. As some of the Junior events are limited to 8 max participants per event, the participation is not as high as prior years but progressing. And the University League is working towards a tentative championship weekend from Feb. 11th – 13th. (location TBD.). We are pleased that we will be presenting the Bert Keene trophy to the Men's winners this year, and are requesting support for the woman's trophy.

Due to ongoing Covid concerns we will not be holding our annual Santa Palooza event this year. But please reserve Thursday, February 17th for our 2nd virtual Annual General Meeting. (Zoom details will follow). Then hopefully we will be able to congregate again with our Spring Party in 2022.

The 100th playing of the Lapham Grant will also be taking place from April 29 – May 1, 2022 at the Toronto Cricket Club. Chairman Tim Bovaird is busy with his committee to ensure a top quality event. And the Canadian Jester's 75th Jubilee will be taking place in May, 2023 in Toronto – lots to look forward to.

That's all for now – a happy holiday season to everyone, and we will catch up again in the New Year.

Regards – Derek Riley

Chairman Ontario Jesters.

