

BART AND SUE SAMBROOK
MONTREAL, CANADA

I was born in Montreal in 1962 and started competing in junior tennis and squash tournaments at age 10, and then rackets was introduced to the mix in my early twenties. Three years ago, Padel appeared in Montreal and that has become the latest racket sport fixation. I continue to play rackets and compete in doubles squash. I was a stockbroker for my entire career and retired from that profession in 2017. I became a Jester over twenty years ago and recently became chair of the Quebec Jesters. My father was born in London, so our family visited London throughout my childhood. Later I participated in a schoolboy squash tour and then a rackets tour in my early thirties.

My wife Susan is from Rochester, New York, and was a multi-sport athlete in university, where she rowed crew, sailed and was on the women's cycling team. For many years she worked as an account manager for Gore-Tex, looking after clients in Eastern Canada and New England. Currently, Susan works part time as a project management consultant and is active in tennis, doubles squash, and now Padel.

We have two daughters aged thirty and twenty-seven. Our youngest lives and works in New York City, and our eldest lives and works in Montreal, both in the finance sector.

We are very excited to be part of the Canadian Jesters Tour of the UK.





Lester and Dawn

Hey everyone!

My name is Lester Jinks, and my amazing wife Dawn and I are very excited about the upcoming Jesters trip to England in September!

Originally from South Africa, I've spent the last 36+ years living in Canada on a beautiful little island called Prince Edward Island. I didn't really play squash back in South Africa, but it's become a huge part of my life here. Perhaps initially out of necessity, squash basically replaced some of the seasons for me. We've got spring, summer, pre-season, and squash season. That's a pretty good year!

I've been a Jester for many years now, organized squash camps, helped host a South African squash tour on PEI, and participated in a few tours through Halifax and Moncton along the way.

By day I'm an optometrist, and Dawn and I are proud parents of four great kids. I'm pleased to say three of my four kids still actively play squash and indulge their Dad on his quest to improve as a 61-year-old player. I'm now enjoying being able to take some time away from work and enjoy a little relaxation.

Getting to travel with my wife and play squash at the same time? Honestly, it doesn't get much better than that. I cannot wait for this trip!

Greetings from Canada! 🇨🇦 🍁

My name is Dawn Shea and I am very excited to travel to England with my husband Lester Jinks for this upcoming Jesters Squash trip.



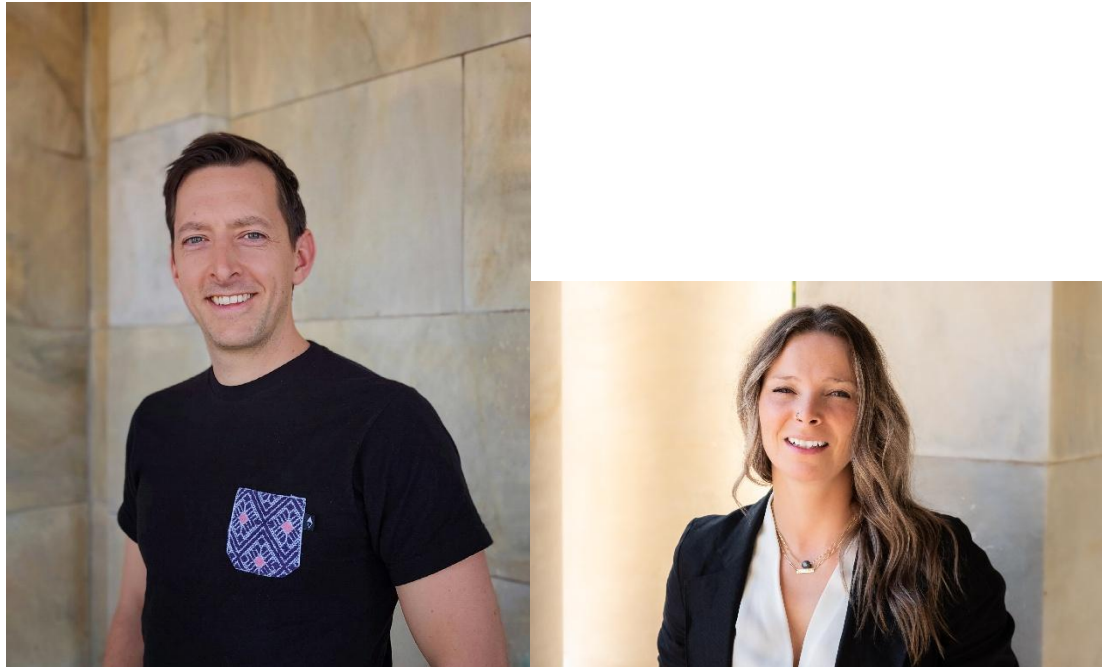
FYI- I have just turned 60- woohoo!

I am mom to 4 beautiful humans, and this year I plan to retire after 35 years in Family Medicine. I believe this trip will be the first to kick off my retirement travels.

While I am not playing on this trip, I have been making something of a 'mini' comeback to the squash court after years of supporting my husband and 4 kids in their squash endeavours- even as a spectator I truly do love this sport!

Look forward to meeting you all and exploring your country for the first time!!!!

Alex Carter – Collingwood, Ontario (Haelie TBD for a few days)



Filling this out at work hence the photo selection!

Alex Carter Jester Bio:

I am the current co-Chair of the Ontario Jester chapter and have been on the executive since 2008. Along with three fellow Jesters, we founded the Jesters University Squash League which has been an incredibly successful initiative for University students continuing squash in Canada (Ontario and Quebec). We are excited with some other initiatives underway to grow the sport at the high school level as well.

I have been hosting all Jesters tours coming through Toronto, Ontario as a billet and organizer since 2019 after participating in a tour to South Africa. I enjoyed hosting the UK tour in 2024 and hopefully will rekindle some friendships made from that tour.

I have played squash since I was 7 years old and competed as a Junior and through university, eventually competing on the hardball doubles pro tour. Recently, having turned 40, I began to compete at in Canada, US and Worlds for 40+ which has been a blast.

I am so excited to be part of this tour and participate in any and all activities thrown our way including playing some fun racquet sports and enjoying a pint afterwards!



UK Jesters Tour Sept 2026

Jack Hoogstraten

At the age of 12 or so, I started playing squash at the Toronto Cricket Club where I met players I am still playing today! We had a great time, travelling to tournaments in Ontario and Quebec. I attended the University of Western Ontario where I met my wife, Sue. As a member of the Western Squash Team, the highlight was winning the NCAA championships in 1977. I now sit on the Western squash alumni committee.

Sue and I “saw the light” and moved west to Vancouver in 1988 where I played plenty of singles and doubles out of the Vancouver Racquets Club.

Since 1991, we have lived in Calgary with our 2 kids, Paul and Laura. I have been active competing and promoting doubles by introducing Calgary Interclub Doubles. I was also co-chair of the Canadian Doubles and Mixed

Doubles and have sat on various committees for Squash Alberta and Squash Canada.

The Prairie Jesters invited me to join about 15 years ago. I have helped host UK and South African Jesters tours, most notably with popular Rocky Mountains cycling trips.

Padel has become a passion the last few years, I play a high-intermediate level and I think I am improving!

Sue and I love long-distance bicycle touring. While working, we spent vacations cycle touring in Canada, the US and especially in Europe. Now retired, we can plan longer tours. Our last 2 adventures were in Taiwan and South Korea. We have enjoyed cross-country skiing and hiking in the Rockies with our kids since they were quite young.

We have one grandchild (Victoria) with another one on the way! I will be travelling on my own as Sue will be preoccupied helping our daughter with her newborn. I have been reassured that I can't help much the first few weeks, but I will be more than happy to show you a photo or two of our newest family members!



NATASHA DOUCAS

HELLO!

I'm Tasha. I am part of the BC Jesters Nest and live in Vancouver BC with my 17yr old son, Max.

I am an Assistant Squash Professional at Vancouver Lawn Tennis & Badminton Club, one of the city's private clubs. My focus is on female engagement growing the women's community from 2 to 50+ ladies in the last 2 years with the goal of learning the sport, getting active, and gaining more confidence to join Leagues + Tournaments, while contributing in the community as sponsor, donor, player for our two PSA Copper events held yearly.

I am also a key catalyst for female participation in the city ever since starting the Women in Squash Committee on the Board of Squash BC in 2017 and the latter years as President ending in 2023.

BC's Women Squash Week in September has grown to now an astounding 700+ participants across the province.

I also helped increase our female participants to 100+ at our recent Senior Singles National Championships and running a clinic to support their new experience.

My younger years in sports started with Tennis at age 7, which helps my engagement of women from other sports. Then at age 13 I started to learn squash. My main club was the historic Montreal Amateur Athletic Association and I competed in softball singles juniors nationally (we were just coming out of hardball squash at the time).

After a hiatus from the sport during my university years, I decided to return to the sport at 30 playing hardball doubles, starting in Montreal with my Dad, a Jester, along with fellow

Jesters of his age until I got better and then started playing tournaments in Toronto and then went on to playing National Championships regularly.

Now in Vancouver for the past 20+ years, I have recently shifted my focus to coaching (singles, doubles, and soon Squash57) and facilitating our next generation of Coaches (both Men and Women).

I have volunteered on Squash Canada Committees for the past 15 years, Doubles Competition and more recently as Chair of Canadian Squash Hall of Fame. Further, as of this year, I have been appointed to the WSF's Gender Equity Diversity Inclusivity commission.

I am very much looking forward to meeting the UK crew, learning more on how Squash programs are evolving in the UK and get some tips on Squash 57 as I bring this more into the fold in Vancouver.

Tasha (Natasha Doucas)



Paul & Jackie Stevenson – Vancouver, British Columbia



Paul (73) and Jackie (younger) live in Vancouver on the west coast of Canada. We have two adult children and three young granddaughters. Paul is a Chartered Accountant, has been self-employed as a contract CFO for over 25 years and is now semi-retired. Jackie was trained as a nuclear medicine technologist and worked at the B.C. Cancer Agency until retirement in 2009.

Paul began playing squash in grade 8 and has played competently for over 55 years. He now enjoys doubles. Other activities of interest include biking, hiking, skiing and swimming. We are blessed with local mountains and a mild climate – which allow for wonderful biking and hiking throughout the year and great skiing during the winter months. Paul was invited to join Jesters in 2007 and has been actively involved with the local nest and many visiting tours, including the 2024 UK tour to Canada.

Jackie keeps physically active by walking/hiking regularly with a [ladies](#) group. She skis and snowshoes in the winter and swims in the summer. Jackie is an avid reader and facilitates a Book club, affectionally called “The Deeply Shallow Mystery Book club”. They recently wrote their own novella. She also regularly attends a lecture series curated by the ‘Professional Women’s Club’ that she belongs to.

We are both thrilled to be Papa and Grandma. Our children moved to other cities to buy homes, so we don’t see them often—but technology helps us stay updated on their lives.

We have been to England on two other occasions, the last being in 2006. We are very much looking forward to reacquainting with the 2024 UK tour members and meeting more UK Jesters, young and not so young.

CANADIAN JESTERS TOUR TO THE UNITED KINGDOM

4 TO 20 SEPTEMBER 2026

Proposed Itinerary

September date	Activity	Organiser
<u>Friday 4</u>	Assemble in London; meet London hosts	Richard Winter
	Drive to Cambridge staying at Selwyn College	and others
	Dinner at Selwyn College	Stephen Finch
Saturday 5	Sports various (Squash/ Real Tennis,etc)	Various
	Dinner at Magdalene College	Robert Dolman
Sunday 6	More sport/ walking tour/punting	
Monday 7	Tour of Hampton Court Palace	Lesley Ronaldson
	Match v The Hurlingham Club	Paul Lubbock
Tuesday 8	Pick up hire cars	
	Tennis and lunch at Wimbledon	Robert Dolman
	Drive to/Stay at Northfields	Alasdair Campbell
Wednesday 9	Sport/activities at Northfields	
Thursday 10	More of same (<u>Petworth/Golf ?</u>)	
Friday 11	Drive to North Yorkshire	Simon Phillips
Saturday 12	Sports various in area	
Sunday 13	More North Yorkshire activities	
Monday 14	Drive to Oxford; Oxford hosts	Mike Sauvage
Tuesday 15	Oxford match; return to London	
Wednesday 16	Free day in London	London hosts
	Match v Royal Automobile Club	Tanith Foster
Thursday 17	Match v The Queen's Club	Andrew Fenby
Friday 18	Padel and lunch at Montrose House	Gareth Quarry
	Fly to Dublin	
Saturday 19	Fitzwilliam Club tour and match	Gerry Callanan
Sunday 20	Return to London and depart	