



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

Please note that this letter is intended to gauge your interest in playing in the event but is not to be considered a formal invitation.

Should you be unable to play but still would like to support the event, please consider being a sponsor or attend as a weekend guest.



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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