

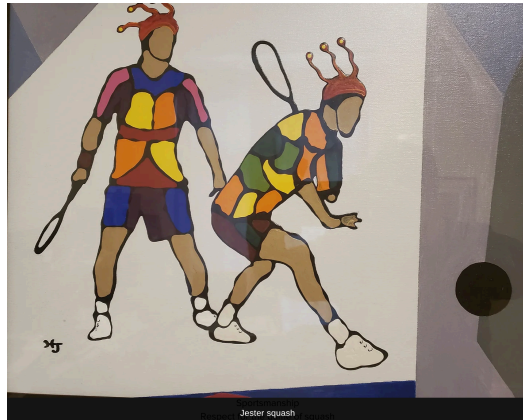


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Highlights



Spring Party

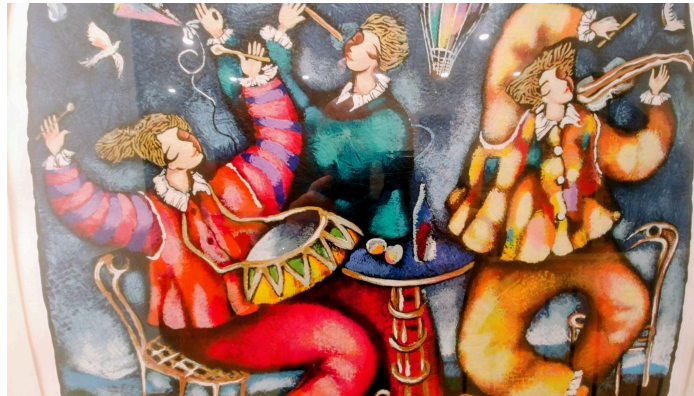
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Notes from our last Executive Meeting

website: jestersclub.ca

Spring Party



Save the Date: **SPRING PARTY:** Very much looking forward to getting together on **May 22nd at 5:30pm at the Toronto Golf Club.** We will be welcoming several new Jesters and hope you can join us for a buffet dinner. Cost will be \$95 per person with the Jesters subsidizing some costs above that amount. Hope to see you there and please RSVP as soon as possible to Alex Carter at acarter@assante.com (deadline of May 15th). You are welcome to bring guests.

The Toronto Golf Club is 1305 Dixie Rd., Mississauga, ON

<https://www.torontogolfclub.com/about-the-club/directions>

Junior Support to Squash Ontario



We are officially at the end of our squash season - we made it!! - and wanted to share the photos from the two events that the Jesters supported!

2025 Jim Mason High School Teams Tournament

- We used Club Locker for the first time this year to get the kids engaged with the platform and provide a link to the University system which is also on Club Locker.
- We had 17 Emerging Teams - usually we get 5-7 teams. This was huge!
- Division 1 & 2 had to be combined with a total of 8 teams.
- Great event and we will likely look to host this at White Oaks in the future since there are so many teams from Niagara/Sarnia who come. I'm told that our Emerging Teams division could double if hosted in Niagara.

2025 Junior Awards Ceremony

- Event was extremely smooth and the community always loves this ceremony. I'm told that other provinces don't do this and it's extremely special that we do this for our Ontario community.

It's been an amazing season, really. I look forward to wrapping up our participation and membership progress this year and I'll share it with you once complete.

Thanks, as always, for the Jesters support of Squash Ontario. You've always been our biggest support and the funding you share is crucial for us to continue to offer these two programs.

Jesters to be Inducted



Please join us Saturday afternoon May 10 at the Cricket Club to honour Alana Miller and fellow Jesters Gordon Anderson, Marnie Baizely, Clive Caldwell and Steve Wren as they are inducted into the **Canadian Squash Hall of Fame**.

Inductions will take place at the Toronto Cricket Club on the Power Glass Court between semi-final matches of the Guilfoyle PSA Classic. A specially priced ticket to the inductions and a semi-final match can be purchased at:

[CC&L Private Capital 2025 Canadian Championships](#)



One of Canada's most established clubs is set to host the CC&L Private Capital 2025 Canadian Junior and Senior Championships, starting May 1st and continuing until May 11th. The renowned Toronto Cricket Skating and Curling Club will run the championships back-to-back, in a manner that will showcase and celebrate the sport, and the culmination of the 2024 – 2025 squash season!

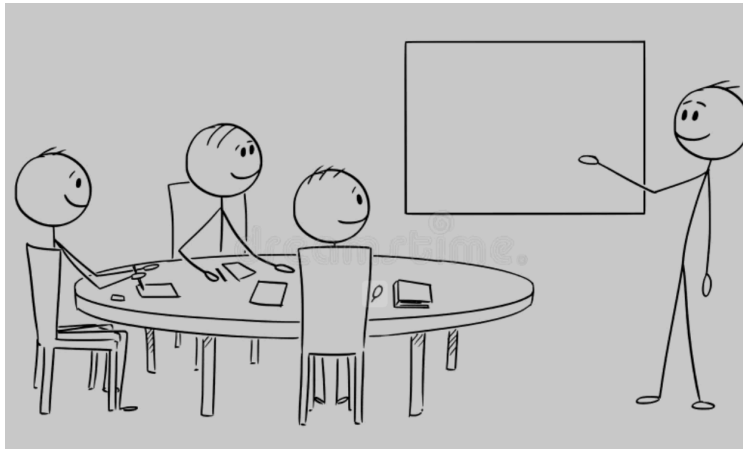
Complete bios of the 5 inductees are available [here](#).

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Best regards,

Canadian Squash Hall of Fame Commission

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Squash Ontario Update

- Lynsey Yates reported that player membership is up 32% over two years, reaching 10,000 player goal
- Ontario Open maintained record-breaking participation
- Junior Open showing 8% growth year-over-year for past four years
- 14 member courts were lost in the past year, raising concerns about court availability
- Squash Ontario launching a court advocacy group to address court loss

Tournament Statistics & Initiatives

- Total junior tournament participation up 27% year-over-year, 14% increase since pre-COVID
- Grand Prix level (grassroots) tournaments saw largest increase
- Junior Silver events facing challenges, possibly due to 'COVID gap'
- Provincial championships and community tournaments saw 2% decrease
- Ontario had 26 athletes named to national squads, representing 50% of all national squad athletes

Community Outreach Programs

- Community outreach coordinator reached 1,000 students through school gymnasium programs
- New acrylic three-wall mini court initiative launching this summer to travel across province
- Mobile court will visit high-traffic areas including Young-Eglinton Square, Kingston, Ajax, and Guelph
- Two summer students will be hired to transport the court and promote squash

Squash Canada Update

- Jamie Nicholls reported nationwide membership up 10% since 2019
- Participation up 21% over 2019 levels
- Revenue from non-government sources up 52% through Glasscore program and events
- Base funding remains unchanged since 2005 despite 52% inflation
- Olympic inclusion not providing immediate funding but opens future opportunities

Olympic Updates (25:16 – 32:30)

- LA 2028 Olympic squash event details developing: 32 males, 32 females, limit of 2 per country
- Venue likely to seat around 2,000 spectators
- Canada applying to 'Own the Podium' program for high-performance funding
- Olympic status decision for Brisbane 2032 expected in 2026
- Canadian National Championships at Cricket Club will feature approximately 750 players

All the best and get back to the 'T'!

Alex Carter (Co-Chair of the Ontario Jesters)