

Nova Scotians Play A Role At Squash Canada AGM

By Judy Myrden

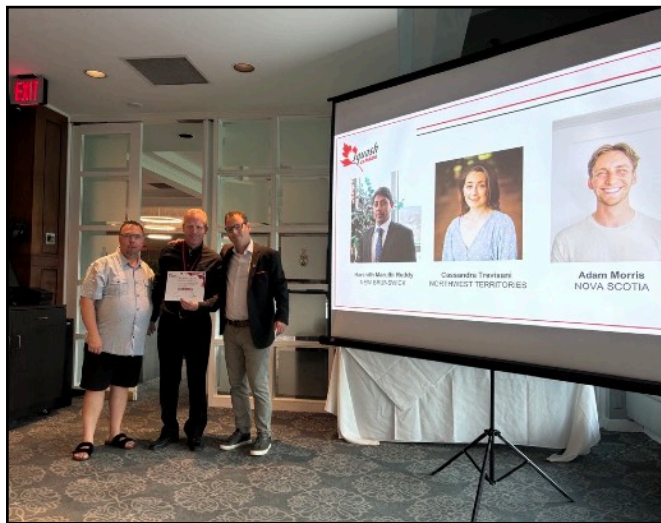
Two Nova Scotians made the trek to Toronto to attend Squash Canada's 2024 Annual General Meeting and awards in late June.

Squash Nova Scotia executive board member **Craig Potts**, of Halifax, represented the provincial association on behalf of Squash Nova Scotia President **Leah Boody**, who was unable to attend.

Provincial Squash Coach and Master Coach Developer **Janet MacLeod**, of Wolfville, gave a presentation on a new national learning program.

The three days of meetings from June 20 to June 22 were held at a private athletic and social club: The Toronto Cricket, Skating, and Curling Club .

All 10 provinces and two territories participated at what was Squash Canada's first in-person AGM since before the pandemic.



Craig Potts, centre, accepts the Certificate of Achievement Award on behalf of Adam Morris. Photo by Emily Hall.

Upcoming Events

Sep 14: [NS Junior Rust Remover](#)

Sep 27-29: [KCSC Rust Remover](#)

Oct 11-13: PEI Rust Remover

Oct 18-20: [KCSC Junior Valley Tournament](#)

Oct 24-27: [Black Knight SMUfit Tournament](#)

Potts said Squash Canada took advantage of all the "coast to coast squash enthusiasm" gathered in the room.

"Topics such as Universal Membership and Strategic Planning were discussed, with the goal of getting as much feedback as possible from all the provinces/territories in a genuine effort to align national goals for the sport with feedback and goals at the provincial level," he told **In The Nick**.

Meanwhile, newly-elected Squash Canada president **Martha Simmons** noted the importance of volunteers to the sport.

"The growth of squash in Canada across Canada would not be possible without the dedicated staff and volunteers at the local, provincial/territorial, and national levels," she said in a news release.

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During the meeting, Potts accepted a Certificate of Achievement Award on behalf of **Adam Morris**, who was Squash Nova Scotia Coordinator for 1.5 years at Sport Nova Scotia and recently moved back to Saskatoon to attend medical school. (*See the June issue of In The Nick.*)

MacLeod, a retired school teacher and 40 years of coaching and playing squash, was one of several presenters invited to speak. She provided an update on CANSquash Project, a Squash Canada coaching and instructional resource tool creation initiative she is co-leading.

Dalhousie Squash Club Gearing Up With New Executive Team

The Dalhousie Squash Club (DSC) has hit the ground running in preparation for the upcoming 2024/25 squash season with a new Executive team. The group is made up of a diverse group of Dalhousie student and non-student players who volunteered uncontested for their positions on the Executive team.

There has been significant growth in the DSC community over the last 5 years, going from a “small group of sweaty people to a large group of sweaty people,” joked 3rd year running Drop-In Representative **Michael Jacot**. This expansion opens new possibilities for more programming to enhance DSC player skills and knowledge for the game.

DSC Executives plan to continue running the weekly squash clinics and the popular Thursday 6 - 8 pm and Sunday 4 - 6 pm Drop-In Nights in the new season. They also plan to unveil a new squash ladder, box league and referee clinics.

“With this hardworking executive team of great squash players, this season is already in the books to be an exceptional one for our club,” said new President **Emily Burke**.



*The new Executive team, from left: **Emily Byron** & **Michael Jacot** (Drop-in Representatives), **Emily Burke** (President), **Tim Hatcher** (Treasurer), **Sukhpreet Singh Aujla** (Drop-in Representative), and **Toby Tong** (Social Media Coordinator). Not pictured: **Rawan Abouelela** (Vice President), **Anaam Afreen** (VP of Communications), and **Vishesh Bhat** (Tournament Committee).*

James Wiseman Advances Coaching Career

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Kentville squash coach and player **James Wiseman** recently took the **Competition Development Course** and is close to being certified, said **Janet MacLeod**, Provincial Squash Coach and Facilitator.

MacLeod and **Justin Saulnier** of New Brunswick co-facilitated the course July 12 to July 14 in Prince Edward Island.

She said it will take at least 6 to 12 months for Wiseman to complete the certification as there are a number of criteria that must be met.

Wiseman joins squash coach **Chris Lien** who is also “in-training” for Competition Development status.

Squash Canada is mandating that coaches are trained at this level by January 2025 to coach at a number of Squash Canada junior events (such as the Canadian Junior Open) and to be “fully certified” by January 2026, she said.

It is also the certification required to coach at the Canada Games.

Nova Scotia currently has three active certified coaches at Competition Development status, including MacLeod, **Melissa Shakespeare**, and **Josh Rudolph**.



Participants (from left) James Wiseman (NS), Mike Buchanan (PE), Julia Cook (NB), and Samantha Lawther (PE) complete course work with co-facilitator Justin Saulnier. Photo by Janet MacLeod.

Moncton Squash Club To Host 2025 Masters

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The privately-owned Moncton Squash Club will host the 2025 Canadian Masters Team Championship, Squash Canada recently announced.

This is the second time in the club's 20-year history that it has played host to the national co-ed tournament, **Peter Comeau**, Moncton Squash Club General Manager, told **In The Nick**.

"We're very excited to be hosting this event," Comeau said. "It will give us an opportunity to showcase the courts."

The tournament will take place January 24-26, 2025 on the six glass-back courts in Atlantic Canada's largest squash facility.

Squash Canada announced Moncton was the successful bidder for the tournament in late June.

"The organizing committee is committed to putting on an event for all to remember," said **Marc Lalonde** of the 2025 Canada Masters Team Championship Organizing Committee in a news release.

"While the squash will certainly be intense, we also wish to ensure lots of off-court camaraderie and entertainment including the Saturday evening banquet and the annual 'Neddy' competition."

The annual event consists of seven players per team (four men and three women) in the age divisions of Men's 40+, 45+ and 55+ and Women's 40+, 45+ and 50+.

Last time Moncton hosted the event was in 2018. This past year the tournament, which attracts top ranking masters players, was held in Winnipeg. Team Ontario won its second Canadian Masters Team Championship.

Nova Scotia was the only Atlantic Canadian province to compete in the 2024 Masters tournament, coming in 4th place.

Match Made in Halifax

Long-time SMUfit Premier League squash player **Mike Cook** married **Eileigh MacDougall** on July 13th at a ceremony at the Halifax Club followed by a reception.

Congratulations to the newlyweds!

Photo by Heather MacElwee.



2024-2025 Nova Scotia Tournament Calendar

Details and dates subject to change. Be sure to check Club Locker for the latest information.

Dates	Tournament	Location
Sep 14	Nova Scotia Junior Rust Remover	SMUfit, Halifax
Sep 27-29	KSCS Rust Remover	Kings County Squash Club, Kentville
Oct 11-13	PEI Rust Remover	Charlottetown, PEI
Oct 18-20	KSCS Valley Junior Tournament	Kings County Squash Club, Kentville
Oct 24-27	Black Knight SMUfit 2024 Squash Tournament	SMUfit, Halifax
Nov 8-10	Moncton Open	Moncton Squash Club, NB
Nov 15-16	Nova Scotia Junior Open	SMUfit, Halifax
Nov 22-24	902SquashEd Tournament	Kings County Squash Club, Kentville
Dec 6-8	New Brunswick Closed	NB
Jan 10-12	KCSC Winter Thaw Junior Tournament	Kings County Squash Club, Kentville
Jan 17-19	Mill River Open	Mill River, PEI
Jan 24-26	Canadian Masters Teams Tournament	Moncton Squash Club, NB
Jan 31 - Feb 2	Dalhousie Open	Dalplex, Halifax
Feb 7-9	Squash Canada Junior Gold Atlantic Canada	SMUfit, Halifax
Feb 13-16	Ray Souchereau Memorial Classic	SMUfit, Halifax
Feb 28 - Mar 2	New Brunswick Open	NB
Mar 14-16	Prince Edward Island Open	Charlottetown, PEI
Mar 21-23	KCSC Valley Bloom Junior Tournament	Kings County Squash Club, Kentville
Mar 28-30	Nova Scotia Open	SMUfit, Halifax
Apr 11-13	2025 Atlantic Squash Championships	SMUfit, Halifax
May 23-25	KCSC Tournament for Education	Kings County Squash Club, Kentville

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