

Alberta Jr Jesters Squash

2021 - Hosted by The Glencoe Club and BVAC

The 38th Annual Junior Jesters Squash Tournament was just held at the Glencoe Club and the Bow Valley Athletic Club from November 12 thru to the 14th. The Tournament was cancelled last year due to Covid and this years tournament was held under Covid Protocols that were in currently in place. We were fortunate to attract 140 participants from all over Canada and we are grateful for their infectious enthusiasm, attitude and sportmanship.





Title Sponsor



Mike Knapp and Airsprint Private Aviation continues to be an incredible supporter of squash in Alberta with the Prairie Jesters a recipient of his generosity and he has 3 active kids/young adults (Liam.Amelia.Mike Jr) in our squash community. Thanks Mike and Genevieve! P.S. Photo of Mike unavailable until he hits his fighting squash weight and we wish him all the best!



Gold Sponsors

It comes as no surprise that squash families are passionate about their junior squash, and that the Boulangers (Ben, John, Sam, Katie) and Watsons (Ella, Teddy, Georgina) stepped up with funding. Between the 2 families they have 6 very active kids/young adults in our squash community

Friends of Squash

Bill Fisher, Del Pohlman, Dave and Adeline Clements, Erin Roberts, George Hall, Jackie Moss, Lisa Henderson, Rod McDougall, Steve Williams and Travis Knutson. What a great group and their contribution to the game of squash much appreciated.

This list include 2 referee's, a 80 plus who still plays singles squash, a parent with a similar body type to Mike Knapp, a past chair of the Alberta Jesters, 2 young and very talented gals in the game of squash (both singles and doubles), a past treasurer of the Jesters for many years who enjoys Smirnoff Ice, a sponsor from Red Deer and very good player, a Jester who requires head gear when playing squash and a player.sponsor from mens level 7 Interclub. I'll leave it up to you to figure it out



The Champions 2021 Event Winners



B19 Jacob Lin - Jericho Club Vancouver



G19 Ocean Ma - WCSA Sport Central Vancouver



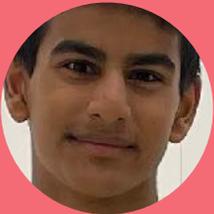
B17 Alex Felesky _ B&R Toronto



G17 Sarah Aki - Evergreen Squash Vancouver



B15 Rohan Paliwal - Edgemont Athletic Calgary



G15 Athena Yu - Evergreen Squash Vancouver



B13 Baker Felesky - B&R Toronto



G13 Romina Rodriguez - Edm Squash Club



B11 - Event Not Held

G11 Lily Fan - WCSA Sport Central Vancouver





2021 Alberta Jesters Junior Open Sportsmanship Awards

At the end of the tourney, the Prairie Jesters will be presenting an Apple SE Watch to one athlete in each of the following age groups

GU11/U13 & BU11/U13

GU15/U17/U19 & BU15/U17/U19

that best demonstrates our Jesters mandate throughout the tournament which is:

To promote the spirit of sportsmanship, fairness and fellowship in the sport of squash through the support of junior squash and lifelong participation in and development of squash-related activities.



Sportsmanship



The Jesters place a heavy emphasis on sportsmanship and the five recipients of an apple watch were indeed worthy as chosen by the tournament referees.

Madison Lane, Quinn Smith, Jacob Lin, Logan Tuck, and Sky Bradley-Taubner were presented the awards by Mike Knapp (Title Sponsor) and R.T. Hall who is the oldest Alberta Jester at 94.





TidBits



**Spencer, Matthew and Zane from the Winter Club
First time playing in the Jesters
First time playing in the same event
First time having to wear whites!
All three missing school to play ..priceless**



The boys and Jonathon were scoping out the Glencoe Club early on Thursday



Little Girl Tidbits



This young lady was asked how the player she was watching fared in his/her match and the answer was quick and decisive. Tough crowd!



Abby and Emma are very active within the Glencoe junior squash program and enjoyed their Jesters tournament thoroughly. I reminded Abby of a conversation we had about 2 years ago where she announced her retirement (yea -retiring!) from squash at the ripe old age of 8 as if she had been on tour for 20 years. She immediately corrected me by saying that was at age 7 and she has since come out of retirement and how could I make that mistake. Who knew?



Little Girl Tidbits



The things little girls say continue to amaze me as she was watching her dad play squash. Her mother was having a conversation with this precocious 3 year old and talking about the values of fair play, being nice.....you get my drift here. When mom got to the part where "looks are not everything" the answer was one in which I got blown away and it was one word only.

"Boring"





Tidbits



Khushi is a great sport and its always wonderful to see players from Saskatchewan. I accidentally gave her more of a tour then she had reckoned as I showed her to the wrong change room (family room). She took it all in stride once I finally located the proper change room for her. I could not remember where the junior changing room was despite walking by it almost every day...holy smokes!

What a pleasant young gal!





Volunteers



Harvey, Jen, Genevieve, Erin



Jodi

Is Rod looking up a rule? With Prairie Jester chair and Tournament chair Kim "tireless" Watson



Elizabeth, Ella



Becky

Referees's



Some debate here but they actually looked better without their masks



Many thanks to this group for doing what they do for us. Wait, do I see a young guy there?



Ben Ladell



Rod McDougall



We can't say enough about our referee's and the difficult task they have at hand, but this group is integral to the success of our tournament. Rod McDougall (tournament referee) and his group can always be relied upon doing what many consider to be a thankless job. It's good to see Ben out there refereeing as he was a player in many of our Jester tournaments and an amazing example of great play and sportsmanship. When you hear a silky smooth voice coming from the cockpit of your latest flight it just might be Ben! Once the tournament ended Rod took a flight to the sunny south... hopefully he comes back

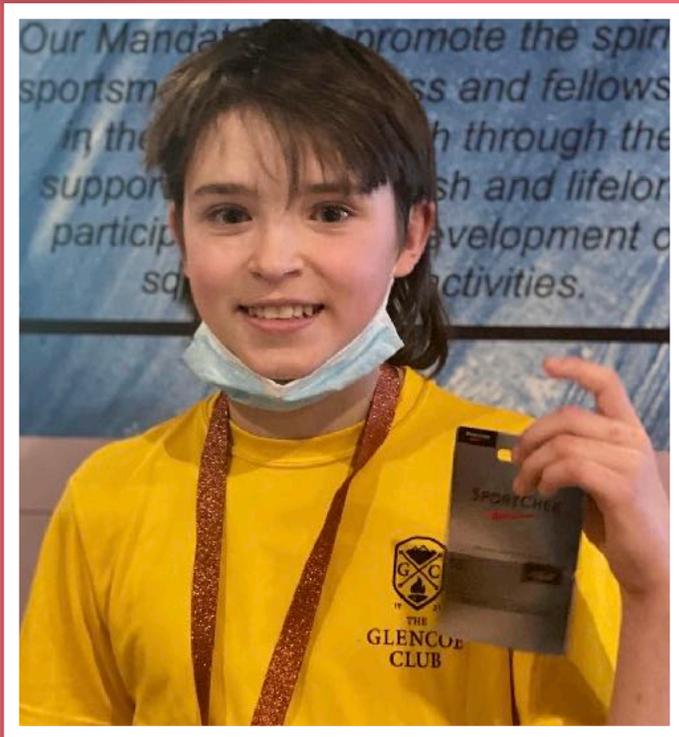


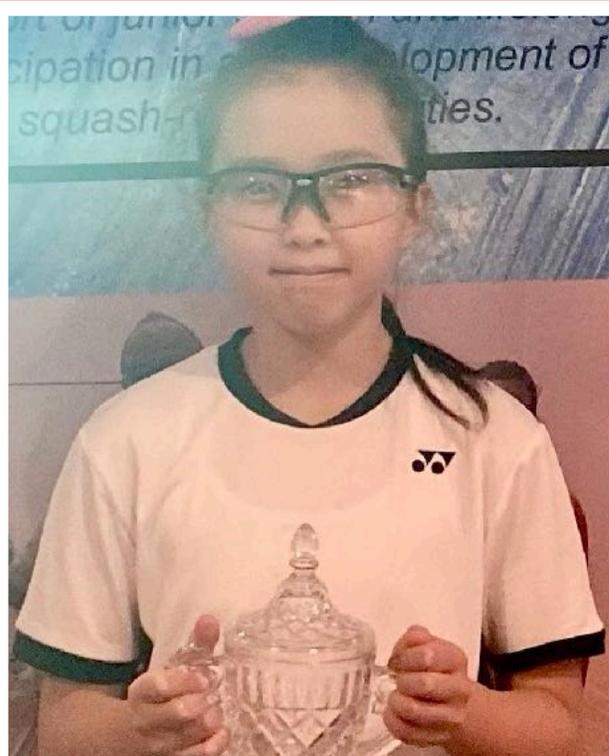
The Glencoe Club hosted a hardball doubles squash event on the Thursday prior to the tournament start which allowed a few coaches and parents to let off a little steam before all of the heavy action to come. Many of the players had not played with or against each other which made for some interesting matchups. You never know how the matches will turn out but we were pleasantly surprised to see all matches go 5 with the feature match being a real hum dinger. Keith Glenday.Danny Rutherford outlasted Ian Power.Ciaran Godfrey 3-2



Premier Match









The Brand New Bow Valley Athletic Club



The Brand New Bow Valley Athletic Club opened up this past month and hosted some of the younger Junior Jesters Events.





Glencoe Munchkin Program



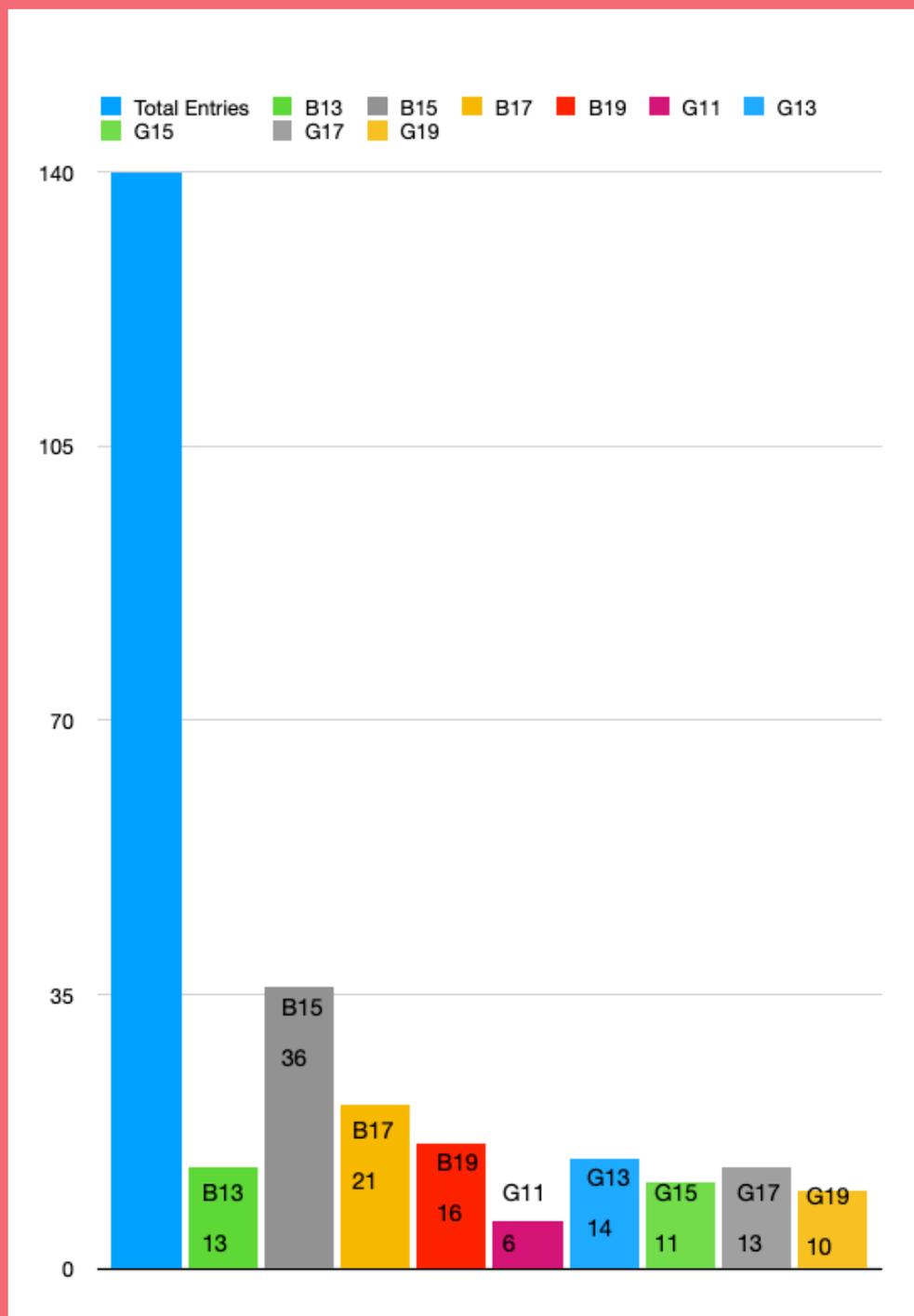
Tournament Director
Susie King

Head Pro Dave
Duncalf

Man, will we ever miss Ozzie, an integral part of the Glencoe Club squash program and one who simply did an amazing job for us. Ozzie will be on his way soon to be a police officer and we wish him all the best

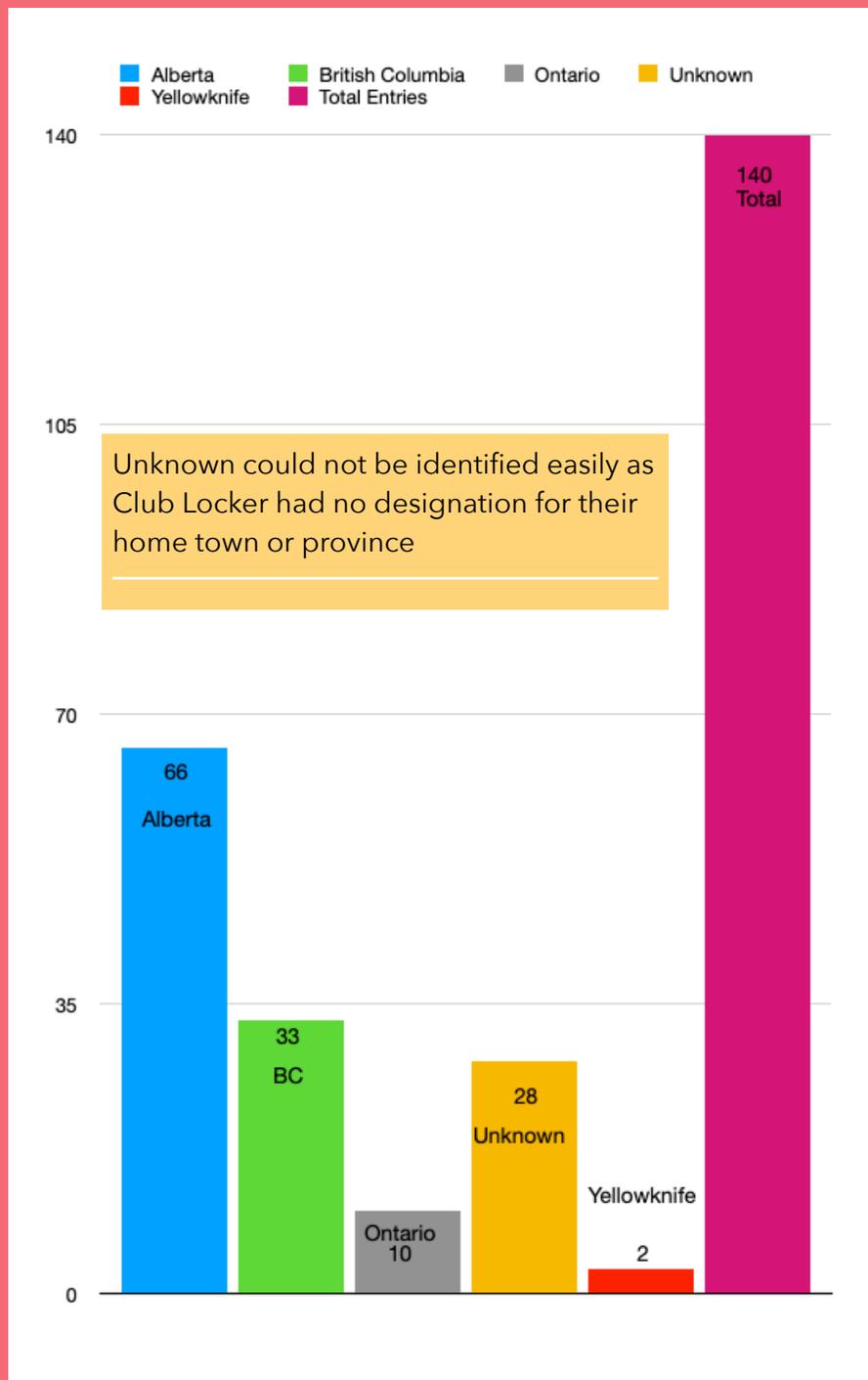


Entries By Age & Gender





Entries By Province





Past Alberta Jesters U19 winners

Boys

Girls

Jacob Lin

2021

Ocean Ma

Abdelrman Dweek

2018

Charlotte Orcutt

Liam Morrison

2017

Andrea Toth

Michael Mehl

2016

Andrea Toth

Akasham Kajagopul

2015

Grace Thomas

Branstan Ming

2014

Sophie Mehta

Jarryd Osborne

2013

Sophie Mehta

Cole Osborne

2012

Alyssa Mehta

Tyler Olson

2011

Abby Foster

Tyler Osborne

2010

Danielle Letourneau



Spirit of the Jesters

Now that games are over
Now that you've done your best
Let us congratulate you
for playing with vigour and zest
It's not the win that matters
and this is always our boast
No matter who wins or loses
it's the game that counts the most

ROB VAN HEERDEN -SOUTH AFRICAN JESTER