



Mayfair Clubs Set to Host Two Canadian Squash Championships in 2017

OTTAWA, ON, August 19, 2016 – Squash Canada is pleased to announce that the Mayfair Clubs group have been awarded two 2017 Canadian Championships. The 105th edition of the Canadian Squash Championship has been awarded to the Mayfair Toronto Lakeshore, in Toronto, ON and the 2017 Canadian Mixed Doubles Championship will be hosted by the Mayfair Toronto Parkway in Markham, ON.

"The Mayfair group of clubs is proud to show its commitment to the game of squash by once again supporting Squash in Canada and making its world class facilities available to host the Canadian National Singles Championships and the Canadian Mixed Doubles Championships," said Melissa Raghurai, President. "We have always been at the forefront of the sport and hope to take both of these championships to the next level."

First up for the Mayfair Clubs is the **2017 Canadian Mixed Doubles Championships**, slated to take place March 3-5, 2017 at the Mayfair Toronto Parkway

Located just north of Toronto in Markham, the Parkway is a great venue for a doubles event. They are no stranger to hosting Canadian national championships having hosted the Mixed Doubles in 2015 and the Canadian Junior Championships just last year. The 2016 Mixed Doubles Championship featured 40 teams comprised of some of the best doubles players in Canada.

Exactly two months later, the **2017 Canadian Squash Championships** return to the Lakeshore for a second consecutive year, May 3-6, 2017. As Canada's elite descend in Toronto to battle for the national title, with events ranging from the Men's and Women's Open, to ages 30 through 75+, visitors and squash enthusiasts alike will be treated to four jammed-packed days of squash excitement.

Located close to the heart of Toronto, the Mayfair Toronto Lakeshore houses 13 glass-back courts making it a premiere facility for hosting this prestigious Squash Canada event. The tournament committee has years of experience led by Barbara Cooper, co-chair Pan Am Games in 2015 and chair of last years Nationals.

"Mayfair Lakeshore since it's inception was designed be a premier facility for squash players and to play host to Local, Provincial, Canadian and International squash tournaments in its unique and open configuration of 13 glass backed courts," said Cooper. "This year, with more lead time, it is only going to be bigger and better - no one should miss this event."

With national titles and \$10,000 in prize money on the line, the Canadian Squash Championships is an opportunity to see Canada's top-ranked athletes in action and is always a 'not-to-be-missed' event.

"We are thrilled to partner with the Mayfair Clubs for two of our 2017 Canadian championships," said Dan Wolfenden, Squash Canada's Executive Director. "With top of the line facilities, experienced organizers and a history of running world-class events, the entire Mayfair Club teams at the Lakeshore and Parkway are sure to put on two excellent events. We are confident that this year's nationals will both be top-notch events filled with great matchups and exciting times for all the participants, family and fans."

With the selection officially made, both the Lakeshore and Parkway Clubs look towards the next few months as they plan and prepare to host an incredible event. As further event details are confirmed, such as the schedule of events and registration, they will be posted on www.squash.ca/events.

ABOUT SQUASH CANADA

Founded in 1915, Squash Canada is a non-profit, national sport governing body responsible for the development of athletes, coaches and officials and sets the standards for Canadian squash. Squash Canada is a proud member of the Pan-American and World Squash Federations and participates in the Pan-American Championships, Commonwealth & Pan-Am Games as well as World Championships at the junior and senior level. Each year Squash Canada hosts nine national championships across the country and works with its provincial and territorial partners to promote the growth and development of squash across the country. For more information, please visit www.squash.ca.

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