



**BIG COUNTRY SENIOR
SPORTS SOCIETY
ZONE 2
SUMMER 2023 NEWSLETTER**

A lot has happened since our Spring newsletter. At that time, we had only completed four of our qualifiers for the summer games and now we have a 120 competing in Brooks August 17 -20. Be sure to happening - <https://brooksnewellgames.ca>. games, the various venues, accommodation, Region, etc. Winners from the provincial compete in the Canada 55Plus games in



member Zone 2 team that will be have a look at their website to see what is There is lots of information about the things to see and do in the Brooks Newell games will have the opportunity to Quebec City next August 27 – 30, 2024.

Our Annual General Meeting took place on Saturday, April 22, and there were twenty-six members present. At that time, we had 307 active members, and now have 366 members. The board mostly remained the same but we have a new Treasurer, Tracy Hindle, Membership Director, Pat Bartholow, Area 1 Director, Robbin Thurn, and Area 9 Director, Sue Cowitz.



BCSSS Board of Directors
From left to right; Linda Traquair, Tracy Hindle, Sue Cowitz, Nick Radmanovich, Norma Dawson, Nancy Gibbie, Doug Campbell, Pat Bartholow, and Nettie Neustaeter.
Missing from photo: Joss Binns, Robbin Thurn and Carolyn Alway.

The provincial AGM was in Red Deer on May 8th and Zone 2 had fifteen people in attendance (including five members on the board). The board remains the same except for a new VP North – John Usher and a new Technical Director North – Richard Walisser. The 2025 Summer Games will be in Leduc and there are four communities interested in hosting the 2027 Summer Games.



Some of our Zone 2 award winners from the provincial AGM in Red Deer. Left to right – Lynn McDonald, Olds – Merit Award for his contribution to Zone 2 men’s hockey; Nancy Gibbie, Cochrane – accepting an Appreciation Award on behalf of Seniors on the Bow, Cochrane and area, for their support of 55 Plus Zone 2; John Boekema, Three Hills – Lifetime Achievement award; and Sue Cowitz, Canmore – Achievement Award for her part in organizing women’s hockey in Zone 2.

The golf tour is well underway with two venues already completed – Beaver Dam (24) and Muirfield (26). The next one will be on August 24th at the LivingStone Golf Course, on Sibbald Creek Trail - \$70 includes green fees and ½ cart. On September 14th we will be at the Cochrane Golf Club at 1:00 pm – \$70 (includes cart). This is a fun way to try out new courses and socialize with fellow Zone 2 members, and you are welcome to bring a guest.

The Fall qualifier dates for the Winter Provincial Games are still being determined, but will take place almost every weekend in October, November and early December. All members will receive a schedule by email as soon as all the dates are confirmed. The Winter Games will take place in the first three months of 2024 at various venues around the province, as no community stepped up to host these games. Exception: Hockey was completed this past April, in Calgary. As soon as the provincial board has all the events on the schedule, we will send it to you.



The swimming qualifier for the Summer Games took place at the MNP Community and Sports Centre in Calgary, a combined swim meet with Zone 3. We have four swimmers going to Brooks representing Zone 2. Left to right: Norma Dawson, Zone 2 president, Frank Willoughby, Debbie Willoughby, Joan Gunn-Allard, Steve Wiewel, and Joss Binns, Zone 2 Activity Director.

At this time, we have 120 Zone 2 participants going to Brooks next month. This is a great showing from our zone and thank you to all the directors and their assistants who put on the qualifying events to get us to this stage.

Area 1 – Hanna, Oyen and Special Areas

8-Ball Pool – Cal Werner, Deb Werner,

Athletics – Robbin Thurn

Pickleball – Sharon Slemm, Jay Slemm

Area 2 – Drumheller and area

Cribbage – Lloyd Laughlin, Ron Keats, Daryl Saboe

Cycling – Jim Milman

Golf – Keith Lee

8-Ball Pool – Derek Campbell, Remie Defoor

Athletics – Wendy Laughlin

Pickleball – Rob Thomas, Duane Bolin, Laurie Bolin, Afolabi Otegbade, Dan Hird, Leon Berg, Bob Chambers

Area 3 – Three Hills, Beiseker, Irricana and area

Cycling – Tim Hodges

Area 4 – Airdrie, Crossfield, Balzac and north Rockyview County area

Athletics – Randy Molitor

Golf – Loreen Lehmann

8-Ball Pool – Lorna Scott

Swimming – Frank and Debbie Willoughby

Slo-pitch – Terry McKechnie, Bruce Hall, Christopher Mann, Lloyd Maxwell

Area 5 – Strathmore, Chestermere, communities within Wheatland County

Cribbage – Brenda Blazenko

Contract Bridge – Joyce Hvingelby, Candy Tashlikowich

Golf – Deb Dancey, Marianne Pinchbeck, Christine Anderson, Michele Power, Margaret Reed, Joss Binns, Richard Walker, Charlie Freemont

Swimming – Steve Wiewel

Athletics – Louise Nesterenko

Pickleball – Louise Bleier, Ron Anderson

Slo-pitch – Dave Mayer, Carmen Brown, Brian Aris

Area 6 – Sunde, Olds, Didsbury, Carstairs and communities within the County of Mountainview

Cribbage – Pat and Tom Bartholow

Cycling – Don James

Floor Shuffleboard – Dave and Nettie Neustaeter

Golf – Eleanor McKenzie

Horseshoes – Les Markham

Cornhole – Earl Markham

Area 7 - Cochrane, Bearspaw, Springbank, Bragg Creek and all areas in west Rockyview County

Bocce – Myrna Fink, Tracy Hindle, Sharon Barden, Marcia Wilson, Monique MacKenzie, Bonnie Friesen, Jennifer MacKenzie, Jim Paramchuk

Contract Bridge - Ken Munro and Lucia Ciupa

Cornhole - Karl Gibbie

Cycling - Brent Gross, Clint Docken, Bob Martens

Floor Shuffleboard - Nancy Gibbie and Doug Campbell

Golf -Joan Logan, Chris Logan, Barbara Gibson

Swimming - Joan Gunn-Allard

Horseshoes - Gerry Burkholder

Athletics - Lynda Gross, Lyndon Emro, Brian Hill

Pickleball - Lina Danis, Julie Clark, Lorraine Makowecki, Catherine Burdett, Barb Imeson, Gary Hawkes, Steve Katulka, Bill Cooper, Jim Bend, Zahir Lakha, Mark Lenson, Colin Gilbert

Slo-Pitch - Reg Macdonald, Andrew Fett, Dan Muhlbach, Pat Drinnan

Area 8 – Okotoks, High River, Diamond Valley and communities in Foothills County

Cycling - Maggie Nichol-Bowen, Bob Wahlund, James Roberts

Golf – Jean Whyte, Judy Kenny, Bob Cheyne

Athletics - Norma Dawson, Sandi Lightfoot, Ernie Robson, Jim Vangilst, Paul Burns

Pickleball - Heather Coonfer, Carrie Irwin, Carolyn Mulholland, Gail Reiss, Paulette McKinnon

Slo-Pitch - Gary Paukert, Curtis Buck, Jack Bews, Warren Tiede, Gordon Pyle

Area 9 – Banff, Canmore, and communities within Bighorn Municipality

Cycling – Earl Emberton

Athletics – Susan Sagert, Russ Sagert

We have 8 playing Bocce, 4 in Bridge, 2 in Cornhole, 6 in Cribbage, 10 in Cycling, 4 in Floor Shuffleboard, 17 in Golf, 2 in Horseshoes, 24 in Pickleball, 3 in 8-Ball Pool, 4 in Swimming, 14 in Athletics, 16 in Slo-Pitch. A total of 120 participants, and add in thirty guests for a total of 150 people at the banquet.

If you are going to the Summer Games, we would love to get a Zone 2 group photo at the opening ceremonies and the banquet, so please try and sit with the burgundy shirts.



55+ Bocce Team of Myrna Fink, Sharon Barnden, Tracy Hindle and Marcia Wilson



Chris and Joan Logan, perennial BCSSS winners in mixed tennis, both qualified in golf at Turner Valley on May 25th.