



BIG COUNTRY SENIOR SPORTS SOCIETY

ZONE 2 ALBERTA 55 PLUS

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

Seasons Greeting Everyone! It has been a few months since our last newsletter, so we have a bit of catching up to do. Brooks Summer Games have come and gone and overall, it was a great experience. There were a few glitches but a good time was had by all. Zone 2 won the trophy for the most medals won by a zone and that trophy is presently on display in Cochrane, but if anyone would like this trophy to come to their area, please let your area director know or email zone2president@alberta55plus.ca.

It has been a busy Fall with many qualifiers being held in all areas of the zone. In the Strathmore Pickleball qualifier (3.49 and under), Bob Cheyne and Norma Dawson from High River won the 75+ mixed and in the 70+ mixed Darlene Williamson, Cochrane and Norm Veinneau, Airdrie - Gold, Mayruth and Bill Guenter, Three Hills – Silver, and Karen Binns and Bob Poole, Strathmore – Bronze.

Darts was held in Calgary along with Zone 3 and Blossom Braganza of Cochrane won 55+ Ladies and Sundre's Betty Ann Fountain won the 65+ Ladies. In 65+ Men Gold went to Cochrane's Greg Braganza, Silver to Robert Palmer from Chestermere and Bronze to Jim Storch from Drumheller. The 75+ Men Gold was won by Sundre's Dave Formstone and Silver by Lee Edwards from Cochrane.

In Floor Curling the winning 55+ team from Sundre was made up of Gayle Meanner, Betty Milford, Bobby Douglas and Jerry Leussink. In the 70+ category the Didsbury/Olds team of Pat and Tom Bartholow and Dave and Nettie Neustaeter won Gold and Airdrie's Arnold Kurz, Gisele Hache, Myrtle Brewster and Edmond Hache got Silver.



Sundre Floor Curling team of Gayle Meanner, Betty Milford, Bobby Douglas & Jerry Leussink



Airdrie team of Edmond Hache, Gisele Hache, Myrtle Brewster & Arnold Kurz



55+ Gold medal Ice Curling mixed team from Cremona -Darrin Taylor, Wendy Nelson, Robin Boyd, Marg Bergsma



55+ gold medal Men's team from Oilfields – Tim Paziuk, Lloyd Copithorne, Dean Schielke, Kevin Muir, Doug Campbell, Area 7 Director



the 55+ Gold Women's team from Springbank - Bev Buckley, Janet Biagioni, Laurie Coopersmith, Cheryl Fricker



The 65+ mixed Curling team from Canmore getting their gold medals from Doug Campbell – Janice Egger, Victor Lemecha, Norma Columbus and Richard Davis

There were only four entries in Badminton, all different age categories, so the following have qualified for Provincials, all from the Okotoks area – 55+ Men – Mark LeBere and Jay Kennedy, 55+ Women – Lara Wiebe and Annette Gregory, 55+ Mixed – Mark LeBere and Lara Wiebe, and 60+ Women – Cheryl Griep and Toni Kerr.

Snooker was held Nov 18th in Drumheller. Advancing to Camrose in 55+ will be James Roberts from High River and in 70+ Jon Hansen, from Olds; second place was Dave Eberth of Drumheller and Third place was Dave Daly of Drumheller.

Sturling was held in Strathmore November 25th and in the 70+ category, Gold went to Myrna Fink and James Kimball from Cochrane, Silver to Carson Schultz and Daryl Hunt of Airdrie, and Bronze to Dick Frayn and Ed Beaudin from Strathmore. In 55+ the Gold went to Joss Binns and Jim Adair from Strathmore and the Silver to Fred Sweere and Gus Cammer of Strathmore.

Ice Curling took place in Cochrane December 1-3 and 17 teams took part.

55+ Men – Gold – Dean Shielke, Kevin Muir, Lloyd Copithorne, Tim Paziuk – Oilfields; Silver – Stephen Horne, Kimball Caron, Herb Smith, Rod Rutherford – Cochrane;

55+ Women – Gold – Bev Buckley, Janet Biagioni, Laurie Coopersmith, Cheryl Fricker – Springbank; Silver – Glenys Bakker, Adele Williamson, Heather Craig, Lynn Hartsburg – Okotoks; Bronze – Marnie Shipley, Cindy Mintenko-Blackman, Alicia Brooks, Val Murray – Cochrane;

55+ Mixed – Gold - Darrin Taylor, Wendy Nelson, Robin Boyd, Marg Bergsma – Cremona; Silver – Larry Dayment, Rebecca Horne, Ron Sandul, Trish Dayment – Oilfields;

65+ Men Gold – Gary Hawkes, Bob Jennings, Phil Smith, Jim Anderson – Cochrane;

65+ Women Gold – Cathie Dallas, Tammy Conacher, Linda Nelson, Cheryl Fradell – Oilfields;

65+ Mixed – Gold – Richard Davis, Norma Columbus, Victor Lemecha, Janice Egger – Canmore; Silver – David Wight, Emily Lees, Sandy Graham, , Jackie Stickel – Oilfields; Bronze – Peggy Schlosser, Shaun McGrath, Linda Bint, Barry Nemeth – Cochrane;

70+ Men Gold – Doug Campbell, Colin Gilbert, Robert Bleaney, Doug Sheriffs – Cochrane;

70+ Women Gold – Henrietta Dyck, Lynda Ward, Monique MacKenzie, Jennifer MacKenzie – Cochrane;

75+ Mixed Gold – Dave Parsons, Rose Dayment, Jim Nicolson, Barb Larson – Oilfields.

There are still two qualifiers to go – Team 5-pin bowling in Olds, January 21, and Scratch Bowling in Drumheller on January 28.

The Canada 55Plus Senior games will take place in Quebec City August 27-30, 2024. Some people who qualified at the summer games in Brooks have already said yes to going. Emails were sent out to the top qualifiers in November and they were to reply whether they were planning on going or not. If not, the positions on the Alberta team would be offered to the next in line. If you haven't received an invitation and feel you might have qualified, talk to your area director or contact Joss at zone2activities@alberta55plus.ca or Norma at zone2president@alberta55plus.ca. The winter provincial games run from February to April and winners from those events will make up the rest of the team.

*MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR
TO YOU AND YOUR LOVED ONES*