



BIG COUNTRY SENIOR SPORTS SOCIETY

FALL NEWSLETTER

It is good to finally feel some coolness in the air after such a hot and busy summer. Hopefully we will never again have to run two provincials and one Canada Games all in the same year. We would like to announce the next two confirmed games – **Alberta 55 Plus Summer Provincial Games in Brooks in August of 2023** and the **55 Plus Canada Games in August of 2024 in Trois Rivieres, Quebec**. So far no one has stepped up to host the provincial winter games which will probably take place in early 2024, but that might still happen or else we will just do the individual events on their own to determine qualifiers for Canada Games. If you think you might want to go to Quebec, start planning your holiday now as it is only two years away.

Below is a photo of some of the zone 2 competitors from the banquet at the Kamloops 55 Plus Canada Games



The Alberta team had 470 competitors and another 130 companions joined them in Kamloops. It was a very hot week with temperatures in the mid 30's but a good time was had by all.

Following is a list of Zone 2 participants and the towns they are from:

Airdrie (6): Brian & Tracy Hauck, Loreen Lehmann, Randy Molitor, Debbie & Frank Willoughby.

Bearspaw (2): Lynda Gross, Bob Jennings.

Bragg Creek (1): Clint Docken.

Canmore (3): Russ & Susan Sagert, Susan Cowitz.

Chestermere (2): Sue Christison, Dawn Cosman.

Cochrane (15): Dawn Baker, Laurie-Ann Baker, Sharon Barnden, Douglas Campbell, Nancy Chudleigh, Lynda Cooke, Wendy Davis, Myrna Fink, Karl & Nancy Gibbie, Gary Hawkes, Laurie MacKenzie, Monique MacKenzie, Rick Makowichuk, Herb Smith.

Carstairs (1): Les Markham.

Drumheller (3): Karen McMillan, Jim Millman, Alison Ostergard.

High River (2): Norma Dawson, Paulette McKinnon.

Okotoks (10): Pat & Carol Breen, Cheryl Griep, Toni Kerr, Mark LeBere, Laura Milne, Lana Pittman, Ernie Robson, Bob Wahlund, Lara Wiebe.

Springbank (2): Brian Hill, MaryLou O'Byrne.

Strathmore (5): Christine Anderson, Joss Binns, Karen Binns, Marianne Pinchbeck, Steve Weiwel.

Sundre (2) Betty Ann Fountain, Dave Formstone

Turner Valley (2): Nancy Neufeld, Jeannie Whyte.

Zone 2 had 56 participants and 41 medalists who won a total of 69 medals. The results from the games are online but some are very vague, so we have listed the medal winners at the end of this newsletter. Hope we didn't miss anyone.



Jim Millman and Bob Wahlund in cycling and Marianne Pinchbeck, Joss Binns and Loreen Lehmann in golf.



Darts medalists Dave Formstone & Betty Ann Fountain, Pickleball medalists Carol & Pat Breen and Lawn Bowling medalists Nancy & Karl Gibbie

**MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE GOING UP.
AS OF JANUARY 1, 2023 AN ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP
WILL INCREASE TO \$40 FROM THE PRESENT \$30. A YEARLY
MEMBERSHIP IS GOOD FROM JAN. 1 – DEC. 31 OF THAT YEAR**

It has been many years since we have had an increase and the provincial board felt that it was time. The fee for going to provincial games will also increase from the present \$65 to \$100. The Zone 2 qualifiers for the 2023 Brooks summer games will take place from March to the end of May and as soon as we finalize where events will take place, we will let you know.

Some areas will be hosting fun events this Fall for members and guests so check your local senior and recreation centres for information on these activities. Be sure to check out your local Fall Community Guide to see what is new in your area.

There is a new event call **Cornhole** that some of you may have seen or played already. Anyone can play it and it is a lawn game popular in North America in which players or teams take turns throwing fabric bean bags at a raised, angled board with a hole in its far end. The goal of the game is to score points by either landing a bag on the board (one point) or putting a bag through the hole (three points). It is called Cornhole because the fabric bags were at one time filled with dried corn.

Olds Legion hosted a Provincial Open event in **table shuffleboard** in September. There was a total of 14 teams in attendance, one from zone 8, another from zone 4, and one from zone 3. All the rest were from zone 2. Dave and Nettie Neustaeter (Didsbury) got gold, Pat Bartholow and Joyce Clemens (Olds) silver and Linda Rinas and Bonnie Robb (Olds) bronze in the 55 plus category.

In the 70 plus category, Reg and Sheila Peters (Olds) won the gold medal, Art Atkinson (Three Hills) and Elaine Stone (Cochrane) silver and Tom Bartholow (Olds) and Gary Halfyard (Didsbury) bronze.



Table Shuffleboard medalists Joyce Clemens, Pat Bartholow, Dave and Nettie Neustaeter, Linda Rinas and Bonnie Robb

Medal Results from the Kamloops Canada 55 Plus Games

ATHLETICS: TRACK & FIELD: 14 MEDALS

Paulette McKinnon, High River: 75W SILVERs in JAVELIN, DISCUS; BRONZE in 50M.

Brian Hill, Springbank: 75M GOLDs in TRIPLE JUMP, JAVELIN; SILVER, LONG JUMP.

Randy Molitor, Airdrie: 60M SILVER in 3000M; BRONZEs in 800, 1500M.

Ernie Robson, Okotoks: 75M SILVERs in SHOTPUT, DISCUS.

Susan Sagert, Canmore: 60W SILVER in JAVELIN.

Russ Sagert, Canmore: 55M SILVER in JAVELIN; BRONZEs in 100, 50M

BADMINTON: 7 MEDALS

Lana Pittman & Lara Wiebe, Okotoks: 55W GOLD.

Lara Wiebe & Mark LeBere, Okotoks: 55MX SILVER.

Cheryl Griep & Toni Kerr, Okotoks: 60W BRONZE.

Mark LeBere, Okotoks, & Bill Walker (Zone 3 partner): 55M SILVER.

CURLING: 4 MEDALS

55M: Bronze, Gary Hawkes, Bob Jennings, Herb Smith, Rick Makowichuk, Cochrane.

CYCLING: 6 MEDALS

Bob Wahlund, Okotoks: 75REC, GOLDs, TIME TRIAL (14km) & ROAD RACE (28km).

Jim Millman, Drumheller: 75REC, SILVERs, TIME TRIAL (14km) & ROAD RACE (28km).

Clint Docken, Bragg Creek: 70REC, GOLDs, TIME TRIAL, & ROAD RACE.

DARTS: 4 MEDALS

Dave Formstone, Sundre: SILVER M singles and MX doubles

Betty Ann Fountain, Sundre: SILVER W doubles and MX doubles

GOLF: 4 MEDALS

Loreen Lehmann, Airdrie: 65W GOLD (low gross)

Joss Binns, Strathmore: 75M GOLD (low gross)

Marianne Pinchbeck, Strathmore: 75W SILVER (low gross)

Nancy Neufeld, Turner Valley: 80W GROSS BRONZE

HOCKEY, WOMENS: 4 MEDALS

55W: "CALGARY BANDITS" SILVER (lost in overtime to ONT.). Zone 2 medalists: Lynda Gross, Bears paw; Lynda Cooke & Nancy Chudleigh, Cochrane; Sue Christison, Chestermere.

HORSESHOES: 1 MEDAL

70M: Les Markham, Carstairs, Silver.

LAWN BOWLING: 7 MEDALS

Karen Binns, Strathmore, & Norma Dawson, High River: 55W SILVER.

Nancy Gibbie, Cochrane & Barb Spencer (Zone 6 partner): 70W BRONZE.

Doug Campbell & Karl Gibbie, Cochrane: 70M BRONZE.

Nancy & Karl Gibbie, Cochrane: 70 MX BRONZE.

PICKLEBALL: 6 MEDALS

3.0-3.49, 4 MEDALS

65M: Pat Breen, Okotoks, & Brent Hood (Zone 3 partner), SILVER.

60MX: Carol & Pat Breen, Okotoks SILVER.

55W: Carol Breen, Okotoks, & Ann Hood (Zone 3 partner), SILVER.

3.5-4.00, 2 MEDALS

60MX: Brian & Tracy Hauck, Airdrie SILVER

SWIMMING: 12 MEDALS

Steve Weiwel, Strathmore: 65M GOLD, 50M Free, 100M Free; SILVER, 50M Back, 100M Back.

Frank Willoughby, Airdrie: 65M SILVER, 50M Free, 100M IM, 100 Free; BRONZE, 50 Back.

Debbie Willoughby, Airdrie: 60W GOLD, 50M BREAST, 100 IM; SILVER, 100M BREAST, 50M FREESTYLE.

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