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Provincial News

Provincial Office Update



The Executive Administrator position has been filled. Please join us in welcoming Darcy Hoover to our organization! She has a wealth of experience with not-for-profit organizations, she is energetic and friendly and you will be pleasantly surprised with her efficiency.



Alberta Sport Connection Update

Due to unforeseen circumstances the 2017 Alberta 55 Plus Games have been suspended until 2019. This was a difficult decision to make but given the uncertainty that the 2017 Games could be successful, the ASC is looking to the future and will focus on the 2019 Alberta 55 Plus Games. . We are working with Alberta Sport Connection to offer as many of their sports as we can manage throughout 2017 and throughout the province. This plan is just getting underway so the formalization of these plans will be ongoing and announced on the Alberta 55 plus webpage . Please keep watching for further updates.

Inaugural 55 plus Provincial Games

DRUMHELLER SEPT 29 TO OCT 1

DRUMHELLER GAMES – Right Around the Corner!

Just three weeks away – the inaugural Alberta 55 plus Fall Games in Drumheller Alberta! . Registration a barbeque social and opening ceremonies happen on Thursday Sept 29th. Competitions in Bocce, Floor Shuffleboard, Pickleball, Duplicate Bridge, Carpet Bowling, Military Whist, Euchre, Snooker, Scrabble and Creative Arts will occur on Friday September 30th, and Saturday, October 1st. Judging in creative writing has occurred.

The long range forecast is for cool evenings but sunshine and daytime temperatures of 18 – 22C. If you plan to watch the bocce bring a lawn chair. All other events are indoor.

Friday evening competitors will enjoy a banquet with entertainment by Richard and Deborah Popowich. Medals for the Culture events will be presented at the banquet.

Closing ceremonies and medal presentations for all other activities will occur on Saturday afternoon at approximately 2:30 pm !

Despite the short time frame to prepare for these games, the organizing committee, the host one – Big Country Senior Sports Society – Zone 2 and the Board of Alberta 55 plus are hoping that the games will be a fun experience for all – participants, officials, volunteers and spectators.

Want to extend the weekend - Rosebud Dinner Theatre has offered a special price for Alberta 55 plus guests on Saturday evening – almost \$20 off per person for dinner and the theatre – just mention that you are a game participant or guest.

Canada Games Report—Canada Games 2016

I would first like to say “Thank you” to all participants who attended the Canada Games in Brampton, Ontario in August. All of you had a part in making Alberta proud of the number of participants we had, along with non participants. I hope you all had a few memorable experiences and met many new friends while you were there.

I would like to congratulate, not only the medal winners, who can certainly be proud of your accomplishments, but all of you that made the trip. We should all be proud as Albertans in celebrating with all the medal winners. Except for the Host Province of Ontario, Alberta recorded the largest number of participants and again, except for the Host Province of Ontario recorded the most medals won.

As usual there were a few glitches along the way, and the one we all know about is transportation. I believe this will not be a big problem in future games.

Just so you know, and in case you have an opinion, which I would like to hear, the Host Community have been booking hotels by Province. If hotels were booked by Sport, then bussing would be from the hotels to the venue. Hopefully this will be the way next Canada Games in Saint John, New Brunswick.

If any of you have any suggestions or comments, please e mail me so they can be discussed at the next Canada Games AGM.

I would like to thank all of you who made my job for the most part, a little easier than it might have been. I particularly want to thank Bob Tessier of the Vintage Hockey group for ensuring all players had their Alberta 55 plus membership and all their travel plans completed before sending in all the teams Registration forms.

I realize making air line reservations so early can pose a problem, but Alberta had the early registration date of May and they are not able to be completed without all the necessary questions filled out.

I am sorry that the results for the Medal Standings still have not arrived by Province as of September 7th. I do have the printout of all the Sports and it is a big task trying to separate Alberta from everyone else and I have not got that done yet.

The standings are on the website at 55+Canada Games Brampton 2016.

Statistics for 2016 in Brampton are: 278 Participants

Gold: 63 Silver 42.5 Bronze 22 TOTAL 227.5

Thank you again everyone for making the 2016 Canada Games a success .

As I always like to say, Participation is what we are all about and winning a medal is a plus. Winning a medal at Canada Games is as big plus!!!!

Respectively submitted

Pat Covington—Alberta Director Canada Games

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Zone Updates

News from Zone 6

My, where has the summer gone. The Fall games are upon us soon and Zone 6 are sending 34 participants and some fill-ins. Congratulations to all!

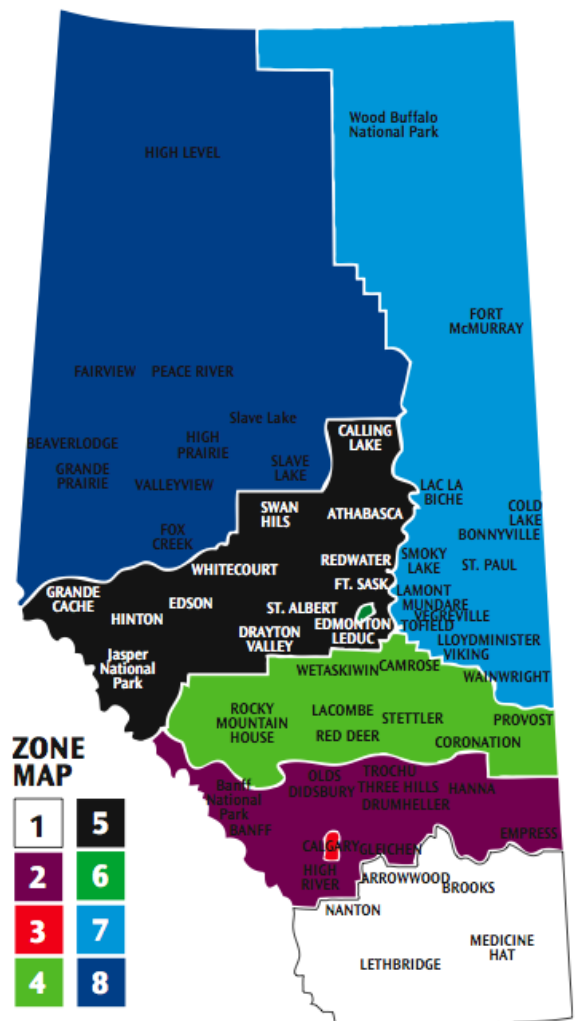
As the Alberta Sports Connect has suspended the games for 2017, each zone has decided to take on 3 or 4 events for 2017. Details will be announced later in Oct. I would like to Congratulate each and everyone that attended the Canada Summer Games in Brampton Ont.

Enjoy the Fall cool weather.

Caroline Anker
Zone 6 President

Alberta 55 plus Zones

- Zone 1—Sunnyside South Senior Sports and Recreation Association
- Zone 2—Big Country Senior Sports Society
- Zone 3—Calgary Recreation and Culture Association
- Zone 4—Silver Willow Association
- Zone 5—Black Gold/Yellowhead Senior's Association
- Zone 6—Edmonton Marigold 55 plus
- Zone 7—Lakeland Seniors Games Association
- Zone 8—Mighty Peace Sports and Recreation Association



Picture Highlights

Did you know?



Zone 2 is celebrating their 25th Anniversary as a Society in 2016!

Left to right: Brenda Carlson. Carol Olson. Ski Thompson

Alberta 55 plus Membership Benefits beginning Jan 1, 2016

Your membership confers the benefit of participation in events and attending and voting at the AGM and/or special meetings as specified.

- Your membership still includes all Zone activities offered.
- It increases your ability to participate - from one Provincial event per year to three separate Provincial/Canadian level games each year.
- Ability to participate in Zone Playoffs leading up to the Games offerings.
- Reduced registration cost in all the provincial games of \$65.00
- Allows participants to compete in more than one sport per year
- You can become both volunteer for some of the Games, and participant in others
- You can bring a 55 plus Provincial Games to your community and/or area increasing the visibility of the sport in your community and/or area.
- We will move the 55 plus Provincial Games throughout the Province so it will be nearer to each individual at some time over a 4 year period.
- You can make a request to the Alberta 55 plus Board to add/remove events.
- Any person who qualifies, including retirement community residents, can participate with the purchase of a membership.
- Cost savings available through sponsoring partnerships as they come available.
- All for the same low price of \$30.00 per year.

So if you like to play, or compete, or just plain like to win—all will be available to a member of Alberta 55 plus in the future.

You can see the Province AND demonstrate your proficiency OR showcase your community, your zone, and your club

Alberta 55 plus can make all these possibilities a reality!