



## BIG COUNTRY SENIOR SPORTS SOCIETY

### February Newsletter 2017

#### Breaking News!

##### ***Plans for 2017 Activities Confirmed at the Jan 28<sup>th</sup>, Alberta 55 plus Provincial Board Meeting***

On Friday, Jan 27<sup>th</sup>, the Technical Committee of the Alberta 55 plus Provincial Board met to discuss plans for the Alberta 55 plus Provincials in 2017. These plans were subsequently taken to the Alberta 55 plus Provincial Board Meeting on Saturday, Jan 28<sup>th</sup>.

Calgary confirmed that they will host the **Calgary Summer Provincial Championships August 10 – 11**, as a replacement for the cancelled 2017 Alberta Sport Connection Senior Masters Games (previously known as the Alberta 55 Plus Games). Activities to be contested include Badminton, Cycling, Five pin bowling, Golf, Horseshoes, Ice Hockey, Pickleball, Slo-pitch, Swimming, Track & Field and Tennis.

Zone 2 has scheduled playoffs/qualifiers for five pin bowling (March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017). It is anticipated that playoffs/qualifiers for a number of activities, such as swimming, cycling, tennis, badminton and track & field will be held in conjunction with Zone 3. Zone 2 playoffs/qualifiers for the remaining sports will be scheduled shortly. The registration fee for the Calgary Summer Provincial Championships will be \$65 per participant. Zone 2 registration must be completed by July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017.

**Alberta 55 plus Fall Provincials will be held in High Prairie on Sept 14 - 16, 2017.** Activities included are Cribbage (single and doubles), Military Whist, Carpet Bowling, Euchre, Contract and Duplicate Bridge, Floor Curling, Darts, Floor Shuffleboard, Bocce and Crafts. The Craft categories will be Hand Knitting, Crocheting, Counted Cross Stitch, miscellaneous Needlework, Holiday crafts, Soft toys and Dolls and Miscellaneous Crafts. Playoffs/qualifiers for a number of these activities have been scheduled and a calendar for the remainder will be forthcoming soon. The registration fee for the Fall Provincials will be \$65 per participant. Zone 2 registration must be completed by August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017.

Alberta 55 plus rules will be used for both the Summer and Fall playoffs/qualifiers. The Technical Committee and the Alberta 55 plus Provincial Board have made some changes to the classifications and rules, so all members are encouraged to check with their Area Director, Zone Activity Director or Alberta 55 plus website for updated information. Examples of some changes are the ability of pickleball players to compete in mixed doubles as well as men's/women's doubles, the addition of a 55 plus ladies slo-pitch competition and the adoption of a dress code for five pin bowling.

#### Zone 2 Ladies

Are you interested in playing on a Ladies 55 plus slo-pitch team?

Contact Nick Radmanovich at [nradman@shaw.ca](mailto:nradman@shaw.ca)

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### ***Volunteers Needed***

***Like all organizations, we can always use more volunteers. It is a great way to get to know people and become familiar with the various events sponsored by Alberta 55 plus. If you are interested in participating, helping to set up, judging or being an Area Director, please send an email or phone any member of the BCSSS executive.***

***Right now, we have an urgent need for someone to assist with organizing the Zone competition for Crafts for the Fall Provincials.***

***REMEMBER – Many hands make light work for all.***

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Members are encouraged to check their email frequently. Schedules will also be updated regularly on the Alberta 55 plus website.

## **NEW PROVINCIAL COORDINATOR**

Big Country Seniors Sports Society is pleased to welcome John Gregory as the new Provincial Coordinator. This is a part time position but you can find John in the Edmonton office from Monday to Friday from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. John has a lot of experience in Information Technology and web sites and members can look forward to improvements to the website including more timely updates to schedules.

## **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

**PLEASE** renew your membership as soon as possible so you will continue to receive information from Alberta 55 plus and Zone 2 - Big Country Senior Sports Society. An e-mail address is especially important as this is how we regularly alert members to games and events. If you do not have a personal email please find a friend, relative or club that is willing to let you use their address.

## **BIG COUNTRY SENIOR SPORTS SOCIETY – ANNIVERSARY**

Zone 2 – Big Country Senior Sports Society will be celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary soon. Details will follow in the coming months.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**April 27 & 28, 2017 – BCSSS casino at Century Casino, Calgary. If you are able to volunteer for a shift please contact Norma Dawson at 403-931-3580 or email at [ndawson@xplornet.ca](mailto:ndawson@xplornet.ca)**

**May 8, 2017 - Annual General Meeting for Alberta 55 plus. All current members free to attend. To be held at the Radisson Hotel in Red Deer. Start time 10:00 am**

**May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – Annual General Meeting for Zone 2 – Big Country Seniors Sports Society. All current members free to attend. Details to follow.**