



## BIG COUNTRY SENIOR SPORTS SOCIETY

### WINTER NEWSLETTER 2019



The next big event for 55+ will be the Cold Lake Winter Games at the end of February. We have over forty-five people going from our zone and thirteen hockey players who are fills for other zones. So we should be well represented and hopefully we will have some entries for the 55 Plus Canada Games in Kamloops next summer.

It was very unfortunate that badminton and carpet bowling had to be cancelled for Cold Lake because of lack of participants. Our zone did not have anyone going for carpet bowling but we did have two badminton players who were looking forward to competing – Cheryl Griep and Toni Kerr from area 8. There are two events where we have no entries – scrabble and duplicate bridge. We only have two entries for pickleball even though there are a lot of pickleball players in our zone. Pickleball players are rated from a 1 – an absolute beginner to a 5 - someone who has mastered all aspects of the game, and Alberta 55 plus only uses age categories and does not look at the player's ratings. Perhaps we need to look into a recreational age group and a more competitive side for upcoming games.

Our banner carriers for the Cold Lake games are Barb Larson and Rose Dayment, two ice curlers from area 8. Following are the qualifiers and their events:

Cross Country Skiing Men's 70+	Joss Binns	Strathmore
	Jim Milman	Drumheller
Alpine Skiing Men's 65+	Harold Jones	DeWinton
Euchre open pairs	Bob Moffat	Drumheller
	Judy Moffat	Drumheller
Table Shuffleboard 55+	Ed Michel	Gleichen
	Ron Keats	Drumheller
5-Pin Bowling Scratch	Leslie Markham	Carstairs
	Linda Traquair	Drumheller
	Helen Jorgensen	Olds
	John Tarapaski	Olds
	Nick Radmanovich	Cochrane
5-Pin Bowling Mixed Team 55+	Darryl Saboe	Drumheller
	Gerald Rasmussen	Rosedale
	Sandra Irwin	Drumheller
	Wendy Sisson	Drumheller
5-Pin Bowling Mixed Team 70+	Remi Defoor	Rosedale
	Michael Barker	Drumheller
	Barbara Barker	Drumheller
	Margaret Nielsen	Drumheller

Ice Curling Mixed 55+	Doug Campbell Bob Bleaney Ingrid Schmidt Debra Nielsen	Cochrane Rural Calgary Cochrane Cochrane
Ice Curling Men's 55+	Larry Dayment Dave Hargreaves Tim Tomayer Donn Smith	Longview Black Diamond Black Diamond Black Diamond
Ice Curling Ladies 55+	Nancy Jackson Theresa Crocker Diane Huffman Patty Smith	Turner Valley Black Diamond Black Diamond Black Diamond
Ice Curling Ladies 65+	Jacalyn Stickel Rose Dayment Pegi McGill Donna Hillard	Black Diamond Longview Black Diamond Millarville
Ice Curling Men's 65+	Bill Hall Wayne Solie Ian Fawcett Sandy Graham	Turner Valley DeWinton Turner Valley Foothills
Ice Curling Mixed 65+	Dave Wight Barb Larson Don Grose Emily Lees	Longview Black Diamond Turner Valley Foothills
Darts Men's Singles 55+	Robert Palmer	Chestermere
Darts Men's Singles 70+	Lee Edwards	Bragg Creek
Pickleball Ladies 55+	Sharon Costello Claire White	Chestermere Foothills
Snooker Men's 55+	Jon Hansen	Three Hills
Snooker Men's 70+	Lee Smith	Sundre

We thought we had a 60+ hockey team going to the games, but too many of the guys had to drop out for various reasons, and it was too late to find more players.

The following hockey players from our zone 2 are filling in on teams from other zones:

Zone 3 Ladies 55+ - Dawn Baker, Cochrane; Dawn Cosman, Chestermere; Laura Milne, Okotoks

Zone 4 Men's 55+ - Trevor Beynon, Cochrane, Kevin Irving, Sundre

Zone 3 Men's 65+ - Lynn McDonald, Olds

Zone 8 Men's 65+ - Gerald Shimek, Okotoks; Clint Docken, Bragg Creek

Zone 8 Men's 70+ - Harold Weidman, Cochrane; Bud Parry, Didsbury; Stan Marshall, Delia

**2019 AGM SATURDAY, APRIL 27TH 10 A.M.  
AIRDRIE OVER 50 CLUB**

On February 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> thirty downhill skiers from four zones (zone 2,3,5 and 6) raced at Nakiska. Wednesday was a workshop day and everyone received great video feedback from Claudio Berto. On Thursday they raced and again were able to view their race and get more instruction from Claudio. We had seven skiers from zone 2 and they all did very well in their age groups.

Downhill Men's 80+	Jack Whitlie	4 <sup>th</sup> age group and 1 <sup>st</sup> for zone 2
Downhill Ladies 70+	Bonnee Wiegele	1 <sup>st</sup> age group and 1 <sup>st</sup> for zone 2
	Patty Edgar	2 <sup>nd</sup> age group and 2 <sup>nd</sup> for zone 2
Downhill Ladies 65+	Jean Whyte	2 <sup>nd</sup> age group and 1 <sup>st</sup> for zone 2
Downhill Men's 65+	Harold Jones	1 <sup>st</sup> age group and 1 <sup>st</sup> for zone 2
Downhill Ladies 55+	Irene Collins	1 <sup>st</sup> age group and 1 <sup>st</sup> for zone 2
Downhill Men's 55+	Bill Sule	3 <sup>rd</sup> age group and 1 <sup>st</sup> for zone 2



Bonnee Wiegele, Jean Whyte, Irene Collins, Jack Whitlie, Harold Jones, Patty Edgar

We have three people entered in twelve categories for crafts - Earl Markham (Didsbury) 3 gold, 1 silver, Brenda Restall (Airdrie) 4 gold and Barbara Barker (Drumheller) 3 gold, 1 silver.

Creative Writing has two entries in seven categories – Sheila Page (Airdrie) 2 gold, 1 silver and Carolyn Alway (Airdrie) 3 gold, 1 silver.



Jack Whitlie in starting gate and Jean Whyte ready to go. It was a very beautiful and sunny day, but very cold at Nakiska.



**2019 Summer Provincial Games**  
**Medicine Hat, Alberta**

July 4-7, 2019

For more information that is being updated weekly, please visit the [2019 Summer Games](#)

Qualifiers for the Summer Games in Medicine Hat will begin in April. There will be fourteen sports or activities and also Painting and Photography. The events will include bocce, contract bridge, cribbage, cycling, floor curling, floor shuffleboard, golf, horseshoes, military whist, 8-ball pool, slo pitch, swimming, tennis, track and field. As soon as all of the qualifying venues and dates have been confirmed you will receive a poster by email with the schedule.

Joss Binns is planning a summer golf tour again starting in early May with the Medicine Hat qualifier in Strathmore. We will also be playing in Trochu, Collicutt or Dog Pound, Turner Valley and Livingston.



Zone 2 55+ member Larry Pierunek passed away on December 25, 2018. A service was held for him on January 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Royal Canadian Legion, #105, Olds, Alberta. Larry is survived by his loving and devoted wife of 56 years Dorothy, his 5 children, Suzanne (Gord), Marianne (Doug), Darlene (Randy), Paul (Susan), Diane (Randy). Larry and Dorothy have 13 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

Larry was a 55+ member since 2014 and was very involved with the table shuffleboard events in Olds. He also helped us out with our BCSSS casino. He will be missed! He really was such a kindhearted guy.



We just found out recently that two people who were a big part of BCSSS had passed away last year. Wes Anderson passed away in March of 2018,

and his wife Paddy followed in June. Wes had been an Alberta 55+ member since 1992 and was awarded a life membership in 2010. He was on the board as area 1 director and also served a term as president. They had two daughters, six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.