

# SENIOR ACTION

## ASCSRA WINTER GAMES

After an in depth discussion the ASCSRA Winter Games Committee recommended that for 2003 and 2004 the Zones make application to the Winter Games Committee to host ASCSRA sanctioned Provincial Competitions. The Committee also recommends that 2005 be scheduled for a full scale Alberta Seniors Winter Games. Some funding from ASCSRA will be made available to host the 2003 & 2004 Games. The appropriate time period to stage the Winter Games would be during the months of February and March. The procedure for a Zone to be eligible to host an event(s) during 2003 and 2004 shall be by way of Written Application to the Winter Games Committee c/o Roland Ulmer, 7203 - 98 Avenue, Edmonton, AB T6A 0A8, ph#780-466-4221 or fax#780-463-3886.

The activities that will eventually be considered for a full scale Winter Games scenario in 2005 (possibly in Grande Prairie or Lloydminster) will be determined by the participation, or lack thereof, in the following activities in 2003 and 2004: Ice Curling, Hockey, Skiing, Euchre, Pool Table Golf, Cribbage,

Floor Curling, Badminton, Bridge, Carpet Bowling, Darts, and Table Tennis. These are just suggested activities, the Committee does not anticipate or expect all of these activities will be popular as Winter Games events. However, as this is a pilot project, we have to start somewhere to determine what will be, or will not be, an accepted event. Various Zones have to this point made application to host Floor Curling, Hockey, Skiing, Ice Curling, Badminton, Table Tennis and Darts. At the Oct 7, 2002, ASCSRA Board Meeting the Committee will make recommendations to the Board and allocate activities. Application to host an activity for 2003 or 2004 should contain the following information:

1. Preliminary Budget
2. Schedule of Events
3. Confirmation of Available Facilities
4. Registration Fee
5. Available Accommodation
6. Timeline



## **GETTING READY FOR THE GAMES**

The Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo and the community of Fort McMurray are gearing up for the 13<sup>th</sup> Alberta Seniors Games. Next July 24<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>, 1200 competitors are expected to qualify through zone playoffs to participate in this multi-sport event. A tremendous group of experienced volunteers from Fort McMurray have been put together to form a Board of Directors. In turn these Directors have been recruiting volunteers to form approximately 70 different committees. Committees responsible for everything from food preparation, registration set-up and fundraising to ceremonies, medical and transportation. When it comes to raising money, groups in Fort McMurray seem to know how to take care of business. Fort McMurray hosted both the Little Big League National Baseball Championships and the National Royal Bank Cup Junior A Hockey Tournament in 2000. Both were a

resounding success. Colin Solbak, Friends of the Games Director for the Seniors Games, was involved in both of these events and has recruited some enthusiastic volunteers that are organizing casinos, raffles and a sponsorship package that will entice all types of businesses to get involved. Many facilities are already in place but upgrades are required for athletics (track), horseshoes and bocce. Hopes are high that work can get started this fall so that finishing touches can be put on next spring and these facilities will be in top notch for the Games and remain as part of the legacy for the community of Fort McMurray.

The ASCSRA Technical Committee have received feedback from all the zones regarding the activities including age groups, events and rules and will be presenting the final package to the Zone Presidents and Activity Directors at the ASCSRA planning meeting on November 25<sup>th</sup>.

The community of Fort McMurray is very excited about hosting the province next summer. Keep in touch with your ASCSRA representatives so you don't miss out on the chance to qualify for the 2003 Alberta Seniors Games.

### COORDINATOR'S CORNER....

I would like to introduce myself, I am the new Provincial Coordinator, Kerry Wenc (sounds like wentz). I took over for Ruth Becker at the end of June, 2002. I am a mother of two young girls, ages 7 and 5, and both my husband and I are native Calgarians. I have previously worked with Alberta Games in the Registration Office in Calgary and also attended Games as a Zone Chef. I have spent the last couple of months acquainting myself with the job and helping to organize Team Alberta as they prepared for the Canada Senior Games. I look forward to speaking with many of you over the course of the next year and am looking forward to being part of the team at the Seniors Summer Games in Fort McMurray, July of 2003.

We have a new email address: [ascstra@telus.net](mailto:ascstra@telus.net) and a new website address: [www3.telus.net/ascstra](http://www3.telus.net/ascstra). If you are faxing the Provincial Office, please use (403)297-6669. Phone number remains the same (403)297-2703. As of November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2002 we will be moving the Provincial Office in with Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks & Wildlife Foundation. Dave Turnbull, Games Coordinator and myself will be sharing office space with the Foundation. **Mailing Address: #200, 2816 11 Street NE, Calgary, AB T2E 7S7.** December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2002 we will be moving our office Downtown Calgary (Duff Bldg, 525 - 11 Avenue SW, Main Floor). If you have any pictures that could be used in the Newsletter please forward them to me by mail or email to above addresses.



### CANADA SENIOR GAMES

The Canada Senior Games were held Sept 18-21, 2002 in Summerside, PEI. Alberta had about 151 Seniors competing in 17 activities, with an additional 63 non-competitors attending the Games. The Activities are Badminton, 5-Pin Bowling, Contract Bridge, Cribbage, Ice Curling, Cycling, Darts, Golf, Horseshoes, Lawn Bowling, 8 Ball, Scrabble, Slo-pitch, Swimming, Table Tennis, Tennis, and Track & Field. The Summerside Host Community was very busy organizing these Games on a slim budget. The Annual Meeting was held prior to the start of the Games. Alberta had a very enthusiastic group of competitors at the Games and we hoped to, again, win the Silver Tray, as the Province winning the most medals. For more information visit their website at [www.csga.info](http://www.csga.info).

### Zone News

**Zone 2** - Seniors from Zone 2 have been enjoying some activities to keep in shape for next year's Summer Games in Ft. McMurray. Strathmore hosted a Bocci Ball Tournament. Thirteen teams (4 to a team) participated. Winners in the 55+ age category were Tom and Belle Moston Dorothy Ostergard and Jean Elliot (from Indus). In the 70+ category, winners were Jack Caldwell, Belle and Jack Stevenson and Mavis Schumann (from Strathmore). Three Hills hosted a Golf Fun Day. Low gross winners were:

Men's 75+ 1 <sup>st</sup> Lawrence Guenther	2 <sup>nd</sup> Adolph Wolkoski
65+ 1 <sup>st</sup> Bob Vetter	
55+ 1 <sup>st</sup> George Jacobs	
Ladies 75+ 1 <sup>st</sup> Florence Lewis	2 <sup>nd</sup> Vera Fawkes
65+ 1 <sup>st</sup> Muriel Hoeft	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lil Dundas
Calloway System	
Men's 75+ 1 <sup>st</sup> Jack Fawkes	
Ladies 75+ 1 <sup>st</sup> Fran Cousins	
65+ 1 <sup>st</sup> Edith Guenther	2 <sup>nd</sup> Darlene Butler

**Zone 3** - The Calgary Summer Games held the first two weeks of June, this year and were a great success. We had over 600 participants in the 22 events. The weather cooperated for the most part, although, we had to postpone Lawn Bowling for a week and run out Track races in the rain. The Gold Medal Winners in the Various Events were:

Badminton: Ladies 65+ - Betty Quan & Lavonne Sammutt  
Mens 65+ - Doug Kyle & Martin Vandenho

Bocce:	Open 55+ - Team: Ollie Bower, Daisy Goodrich, Harold Goodrich, Neva Rolf-Bower
	Open 70+ - Team: Roy Russel, Ron Russel, Marty Galon, Nick Contros
Bowling:	Ladies Open Team: Ann Laton, Peggy Cahoon, Janet Warger, Jean Wise
	Mens Open Team: Marty Galvon, Alex Fleming, Lloyd Wise, Fred McIntosh, Len McMillan
Carpet Bowling:	Open Team: Frank Stickland, Bernice Murray Eileen Webster, John Hutchings
Contract Bridge:	Open Pairs - Bill Borden, Jim Macquarie
Cribbage:	Open Singles - Del Irwin/ Open Doubles - Gloria Schnerberger & Jack Lousch
Cycling:	Mens 20 km - 55+ - Bill Stilwell 65+ - John Bryan 70+ - Phil Greenoway Predicted 5km - Tom Jaeger Ladies Predicted 5km - Hanna Andersen
Dart:	Mens Singles - 55+ - Kris Andersen 70+ - John Bechtold Ladies Singles - 55+ - Anna Jarmics Open Doubles - 55+ - Grant Anderson & John Raita 70+ - John Bechtold & Dan Henry
Disc Golf:	Mens Open - Doug Kyle
Floor Curling:	Open 55+ Team: Ralph Markle, Henry Ehret, Ruby Anderson, Betty Mikitka 70+ Team: John Mooney, Eva Halverson, Bernice Murray, Frank Stickland
Pool:	Ladies Open Singles - Helen Norden
Golf:	Ladies 55+ Gross: Marre MacPherson/68+ Loretta Bradley 55+ Calloway: Helen Norden/68+ Marielle Galibois Mens 55+ Gross: Dan Layton/68+ John Wilkas 55+ Calloway Bob McLay/68+ Jim Barker



**FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT...**

This being what was usually termed an "off-year" has proven to be very busy. The winter activities combined with the busy late spring or early summer programs of many zones have kept our members busy and entertained. The hype of those going to the Canada Senior Games in Summerside, P.E.I., has also made the last few months fly by! We were pleased to have received funding from the Community Initiatives Program which is funded by the Alberta Lottery Fund. The amount which each participant is receiving will cover approximately one-third of the costs of attending the games. The entire \$70,000.00 received is being distributed to the participants. We tried very hard to find sponsors for providing attire for our team however due to the late start we were not successful although one of the companies we had approached has made a financial contribution to the Canada Senior Games in P.E.I., so our efforts were not totally in vain. I believe that we must become more pro-active in finding new funding sources for some of the new programs we would like to establish. Our funding for the biennial Alberta Seniors Games is in place in the funding programs of the province through the 2005 games. In July, my wife Gladys and I attended the Saskatchewan Senior Games which were held in The Battlefords. Approximately 650 participants attended these games which seem to be much more informal than ours. The problems they encounter are similar to ours in that some zones seem less able to motivate their members to participate in events at this next level. Most of the activities which we

have could be found there. I was, however, introduced to "Kaiser" a card game which appears to be very popular in that province. One participant told me that years ago you could not work on the railways if you didn't know how to play the game which is somewhat of a cross between bridge/whist and hearts. The seniors in Saskatchewan expressed a lot of interest in having some special games with us to celebrate our centennial in 2005. The ASCSRA Executive has agreed to support the creation of a committee which would investigate the feasibility of such games while keeping in mind the fact that 2005 is a year for our games.

I hope that you are all beginning to think about the 2003 Games in Ft. McMurray. In just 6 short months, immediately after our Winter Games activities of February and March 2003, we will be busy beginning the zone trials which will determine the participants for each zone team. I believe that all who make it into the 2003 Games will be very pleased with the event as it is being put together by a very enthusiastic committee in the host community.

**Quotes**

Age is a matter of feeling not of years ...George W. Curtis

Don't be stopped by your failures, Yet, use them as obstacles. Thus challenging yourself to strive for the top, and when, in fact, it is reached... look back and marvel at the obstacles you have overcome, along with yourself...Becca Giles

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