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TO OUR MEMBERS

INAUGURAL 55 plus PROVINCIAL GAMES

as hosted by Alberta 55 plus Provincial Board

to be held in

DRUMHELLER from Sep 29 to Oct 1

Zone Playoffs will begin now.

Activities offerings include [Military Whist](#), [Duplicate Bridge](#), [Euchre](#), [Carpet Bowling](#), [Pool Snooker](#), [Scrabble](#), [Floor Shuffleboard](#), [Arts & Creative Writing](#). Their chosen additional activity will be [Pickleball](#).

Registration fee \$65.00—includes participation in games, insurance coverage while participating, 2 suppers, Lunch at participation venues.

Additional information will be posted on the Alberta 55 plus website as well as the Drumheller Games website.

YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS THIS ONE FOLKS!

News from the Provincial Office:

The job posting for the Executive Office Administrator will be out as soon as funds are verified for the position.

The Announcement of the location of the Alberta 55 Plus Games hosted by Alberta Sport Connection is forthcoming. These Games will be in the summer of 2017.

Much work is being done on the new Games format, rules, and responsibility areas. Look forward to new Rules books, Host Zone Information booklets, and operational procedures and processes. We're working hard to ensure all the bases are covered.

Review of the new format:

Each member will have the opportunity to attend 3 separate games each year as follows:

- Spring—Alberta 55 plus will hold the “55 plus Provincial Games” consisting of the following events: Whist (possible), Contract Bridge, Cribbage, Floor Curling, 8 ball pool, Scrabble, Table Shuffleboard; Crafts (separately from Arts)
- Summer—Alberta Sport Connection will hold “Alberta 55 Plus Games” (in the odd years), consisting of the “active” sports, alternately with the Canada Games (in the even years)
- Fall—Alberta 55 plus will hold “55 plus Provincial Games” consisting of the following events: Military Whist, Duplicate Bridge, Euchre, Carpet Bowling, Pool Snooker, Floor Shuffleboard, Bocce, Arts & Creative Writing.

The 55 plus Provincial Games in the Spring and Fall will alternate between being hosted in the North of the province (Zones 5, 6, 7, 8) and in the South of the province (Zones 1, 2, 3, 4).

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!