

Ontario Senior Games Association  
Annual General Meeting  
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Ottawa, ON

**Board Members:**

Gail Prior (President), Bob Tremblay (Vice-President), Sandie Clode (Secretary), Denis Ringuette (Treasurer), Peter Hensel (Past President), Angeline Richards (Board Member), Robert Peladeau (Board Member), Grant Lynch (Board Member), Norm Steeper (Member-at-large – Governance), Ronnie Brown (CSGA Rep), Geoff Johnston (Program Manager), Stan Fleet (Event Coordinator), Ryan Allbright (MTSC)

**District Members:**

Ken Simard (1), Bill Britt (1), H el ene B elanger (2A), Rae Kingsbury (2A), Elaine Tremblay (5), Bob Hill (6), Denis Anderson (6), Neil Wolfe (6), John Heyden (6), Molly Miller (6), Martin Irvin (6), Shirley Birnboim (7), Roger Huestis (7), Art Levi (7A), Guy Chaput (7A), Marie Beckstead (8), Doris Ann Cook (8), Jim Murphy (9), Sheran Barker (10), Carol Lovelady (10), Mary Johnson (11), Michael Johnson (11), Lloyd Balsdon (14), Rolande Jones (14), Charlotte Whiddifield (14), Daria Thompson (16), Joanne Palmer (16), Roger Wallis (17), Terry Chappell (19), Jean Brady (20), Denise Bourgon (20), Petra Halk (21), Peter Hitchcock (21), Charlie Cruickshank (22), John Paterson (27), Ada Steeper (29), Mitch Lupa (30), Jules Santarossa (32), Lynn Santarossa (32), Don Hector (33A), Sue Williams (33A)

**Material Distributed:**

Sent to delegates  
BDO Dunwoody Financial Review Engagement Report – March 31, 2014  
Draft 2014 AGM Minutes  
Nomination form  
Map to Hotel  
Optional Activities  
Showcase your District Information

AGM/Conference Schedule & OSGA Annual General Meeting Business Agenda  
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1.	<b>Welcome and Opening Remarks</b>
	Angie Richard welcomed everyone
2.	<b>Approval of the Annual General Meeting Minutes 2014</b>
	<p><i>Correction: Under 2014-15 Board of Directors Add Angie Richard (14) and Grant Lynch (7)</i></p> <p><b>Motion: by Lynn Santarossa (32), seconded by Robert Peladeau (8) to accept the minutes of the 2014 AGM. CARRIED</b></p>
3.	<b>Overview of 2014-15 - Gail Prior and Geoff Johnson</b>
	<p>Gail P. introduced the Board members to the delegates. It has been a hard year but with the efforts of the board and staff we got through it and it looks like a great future for the OSGA. This year the OSGA wants to focus on the districts. We ask districts to work in tandem to make it the best year ever. We hold Regional meetings throughout the year so we can work together and share ideas. We encourage people to work at the "grassroots level" and to think outside the box with new events and new ideas. The Board is available at any time to help the districts.</p> <p>This year is a 55+ Summer Games year to be held in Midland. We are also proud to have the Canada Games in Brampton this summer. Although OSGA is not involved in the planning of these games, OSGA does support them.</p> <p>Geoff J. noted that OSGA is putting a push to support the districts. It starts however with you and your committees. In the package are pages of support OSGA can provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-District Request Support form to request OSGA put on the 4 modules to your district</li> <li>-Information Meetings where Geoff J. comes out to assist getting your message out</li> <li>-Display Boards that can be rented to use for presentations</li> <li>-Equipment that was purchased from the Trillium Grant to loan out to assist with district events.</li> </ul> <p>He noted a partnership with AM740 and Classical FM to advertise OSGA message about participation and inform about the Ontario Games. These radio spots will be ready by March/April and then again in August and September/October to spread the word.</p> <p>He spoke about Open Invitational Events. Stan F. works on these OSGA driven events. They are designed to increase opportunities for the 55+ demographic to be active. He can also coordinate with districts as well as put on Invitationals. He stressed being positive and working together to put on the best games as possible.</p> <p><b><u>President's Report</u></b>      October 19, 2015</p> <p>At this time, I would like start off by thanking those who have taken the time and energy to become involved at the local level, in their respective Districts, on Committees within their Region and as volunteers in a variety of capacities. Without your dedication, the OSGA and its Board of Directors would not be able to do what it does and this organization would not exist.</p> <p>That being said, I would like to say that 2014-15 has been a busy and somewhat unusual year for the OSGA. Some major changes have occurred that have had a direct impact on us as an organization. Although information has been communicated to the Member Districts earlier, I would like to just touch on a few items.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First, in April a major impact on the sport community occurred with the bankruptcy of Sport Alliance Ontario. This affected the OSGA, as the SAO was not only our landlord, but also was the avenue through which the OSGA received some of its funding and also some administrative support.</li> <li>• One result was the OSGA moved its office to Mississauga in August, and arranged for new administrative support (payroll, benefits etc.)</li> <li>• Second, the OSGA was required to negotiate a new funding agreement with the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport. Over the last six months or so, the MTCS has given us a great deal of support for not only our program but also during the transition period. This has been very much appreciated.</li> </ul> <p>With this behind us, the OSGA and its staff was then able to move ahead. There has been many activities going on and I am just going to highlight a few of them as other Board Members will be providing more details on these and other activities in their reports.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The OSGA was fortunate to receive as part of its Trillium Grant funds to help each of the five (5) regions hold successful Regional 55+ Games in August and September.</li> <li>• As a result of a Student Experience Grant, we were able to hire a student, Sarah Spencer, who was invaluable in helping with Regional 55+ Games in Central and Eastern Regions.</li> <li>• The OSGA held a Women's Hockey Tournament in conjunction with the Ontario 55+ Winter Games in Haliburton in February and an Open Pickleball Tournament in Stratford in April. Plans are in the works for several other tournaments in the near future.</li> </ul> <p>The OSGA is committed to providing opportunities for the 55+ generation to keep active and meet others who share a common</p>

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	<p>recreational interest, while helping keep their minds sharp and bodies in shape as they age. To this end, the OSGA continues to look at different events or formats to introduce as well as looking at other means of providing those opportunities.</p> <p>In closing, I especially want to thank my fellow Board Members for their ideas, work ethic and commitment to this organization. It is a pleasure to work with such a great team.</p> <p>I look forward to the next year as the OSGA continues its focus on the Districts and the activities held in each of them. This is where our strength is. We need to continue to look for ways of moving with the times and “think outside the box”. Without fresh ideas, things tend to stagnate and growth does not take place. Together we can continue to make the OSGA an organization of which we all can be proud.</p> <p>Discussion: Robert Peladeau (8) asked what equipment is available. There is a form in the package. Charlie Cruickshank (22) asked what events are at the Regional and Provincial Games Roger Huestis (7) noted he has used the OSGA website to promote the games.</p> <p>Gail Prior thanked Geoff Johnson and Stan Fleet for all their work during the difficult transition and thanked the committee for their dedication and hard work to move OSGA forward.</p>
4.	<p><b>Treasurer’s Report – Denis Ringuette</b></p>
	<p>Denis R. thanked Ellen Paterson for all her work assisting him with the Treasurer’s responsibilities. He also thanked Gail Prior, Geoff Johnson and Stan Fleet for all their help in acquiring an increase in funding from the Ministry. He noted OSGA is in good financial shape at this time as indicated by the BDO Report. As it was a time of flux, there is no audited statement this year but there will be one next year.</p> <p><b>Motion: by Denis Ringuette (2), seconded by Jim Murphy (9) to approve Financial Review Engagement dated March 31, 2014. CARRIED</b></p> <p>Discussion: Roger Wallis (7) asked about the increased expenses re: promotion. Ellen Paterson noted that BDO lumped many items together in this category. It also included travel for the Board as well as staff going out to districts to do meetings, invitationals etc. A clarification of the items lumped together will be given to the districts. Charlie Cruickshank (22) asked if the districts would get an updated number. Michael Johnson (11) asked what OSGA does to manage travel expenses. Gail Prior noted that travel is an integral part of the promotion of the OSGA through Regional meetings. We have cut down some expenses by using Go-To meetings. It is the nature of the organization to reach out to the members.</p> <p><b>Motion: by Denis Ringuette (2), seconded by Angie Richard (14) to appoint BDO Dunwoody as review accountants for 2015-2016. CARRIED</b></p> <p>Denis R. then shared a humorous story about seniors being active to close.</p>
5	<p><b>Rules Committee Report – Peter Hensel</b></p>
	<p>Peter Hensel introduced the Rules Committee members and outlined the procedure now being followed to implement Rules and Format changes. He noted that all proposed changes have been discussed at each Regional Games Meeting this year. He indicated for changes a suggestion is also needed to improve the event.</p> <p>He reviewed the procedure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Submit a change through the District Coordinator to the Rules Committee</li> <li>• Rules Committee will research on the topic</li> <li>• Rules Committee will make a recommendation to the Board</li> <li>• If passed it becomes effective immediately making it a far more efficient way than before</li> </ul> <p>Peter Hensel then presented the changes in rules and format under the new system:</p> <p><b>Golf</b> -Eliminate the previous divisions     Women 0-25, 26-36     Men 0-18, 18-30</p> <p><b>ADD:</b> <u>Format of Play</u> Women – Callaway – 55+, 65+, 75+</p>

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Men – Callaway – 55+, 65+, 75+

**Discussion:**

Doris Ann Cook (8) asked for the rationale of changing the rule. The procedure was explained.

Michael Johnson (11) noted he was not consulted on this change. The procedure stated above explained what was done.

Peter Hensel noted that this format change was discussed at each Regional meeting. There are a higher percentage of Callaway golfers that A flight and B flight in the statistics. OSGA strives to attract the average golfer and many of these do not have a handicap or slope index.

Roger Huestis (7) asked if you need the support of 7 districts to submit a rule or format change but was informed that was only if you are adding a new event.

John Paterson (27) noted that this will eliminate “sandbagging” and level the playing field.

Peter Hensel reminded people that it is no longer handicap that is used in golf tournaments. It is slope index.

Geoff Johnson noted that the Rules Committee goes by the statistics that districts submit for their district games. For golf this year, there were 468 Callaway players, 125 B flight players and 100 A flight players. He reminded delegates that at the district level, you can still offer more events than go on to Provincials so it is possible to hold A and B flight divisions if you wish but remember this new change will apply to those who advance to the Provincial levels.

Gail Prior noted that the Rules Committee discussed this change at every Regional meeting this year and spent the year deciding based on the research and consensus from all the regions and submitted numbers in the database.

Peter Hensel noted that OSGA rules are for our people and sometimes are adapted to enhance the playing of an event. They do not necessarily follow the rules of the various sports organizations for that event.

**Tennis**

Each match will consist of 8 games (first team to win 5 games) is declared winner of match) A nine-point tie-break is played at 4–4.

There will be a 45 minute time limit on the match. Whichever team is winning when time is called will be declared the winner of the game being played.

Scoring will be no-advantage. i.e. first team to reach 4 points wins the game.

**Pickleball**

Set-up

A match will consist of 2 games with a time limit of 45 minutes for a match.

Facilities:

The facility must have well marked, regulation size badminton courts, unless regulation pickleball courts are available sufficient for each division.

Summary

The paddle must pass below the waist. I.e. A legal serve must be below the waist, with the top of the paddle head below the wrist.

**Discussion:**

Carol Lovelady (10) asked for clarification on clarification of level of the paddle on serve / volley and it was explained.

Bob Hill (6) asked when these rule changes will appear on the website and was assured that as soon as the AGM is over Gail Prior will start working on that.

Petra Halk (21) asked if there will be a change of age groups to levels in Pickleball but was told that unlike Pickleball Ontario’s rating of levels that would be too difficult at this 55+ level.

**Prediction Events**

Summary:

Participants may not use watches, electronic timing devices i.e. cell phones, smartphone/tablet, etc. or receive any pacing information. There shall be no coaching from the sidelines.

**Discussion:**

Carol Lovelady (10) asked if watches and timers were allowed in warm-ups. Since courses could be set up in various ways, yes they are. That way participants can adjust their time if need be before the actual event.

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**Curling**

ADD:

Summary:

Mixed curling must always have four (4) players on the ice with two (2) men and two (2) women alternating delivery of stones.

**Euchre**

ADD:

Set-up

A time limit of 20 minutes will be place on each game with a 5 minute break between each game

Discussion:

Ken Simard (1) asked when the time changed from 15 to 20. That may have been a local district rule but never an OSGA rule.

Norm Steeper (29) noted that the wording should be changed to "a maximum 20 minute time limit".

**Floor Shuffleboard**

Games at the District and Ontario 55+ Summer Games level shall be a minimum of sixteen (16) ends or a time limit of forty-five (45) minutes, whichever comes first, no end shall start after forty (40) minutes.

Discussion:

Guy Chaput (7A) asked for clarification on "No end shall start after 40 minutes" and it was explained.

**Pickleball**

A match will consist of 2 games with a time limit of 45 minutes for a match.

**Badminton**

A match will consist of 2 games with a time limit of 45 minutes for a match.

**Tennis**

There will be a 45 minute time limit on the match.

Discussion:

Roger Huestis (7) felt using 3 games and not 2 in the final would be better.

Petra Halk (21) also addressed this and asked how winners could be determined from ties. There is a tie breaker procedure in the rules package.

Roger Wallis (17) asked for clarification for round robin and final and stated to have a clear winner 3 games are needed.

Peter Hensel noted that the tie breaker rules are on the OSGA website and that this rule change was implemented to help keep on schedule as many times in the past these participants have been late to the Middle Night activities and Closing Ceremonies as games dragged on. But as always, he stressed that changes can be submitted to the Rules Committee at any time for discussion.

**Curling**

Once again, this change was implemented to facilitate the ease of scheduling for Host Communities.

ADD:

Time limit for 6 end game will be 90 minutes, and 8 end games will be 120 minutes)

Discussion:

Doris Ann Cook (8) noted that the previous Eligibility Rules for Curling were removed in Huntsville. It was again noted that the rule was changed and is now in the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of a two year trial to see if they work.

**Table Tennis**

Games will be played to a score of eleven (11) and matches will consist of five (5) games with a time limit of 45 minutes for a match.

Discussion:

Jim Murphy (9) sees the value of the time limit and asked if there was flexibility to adjust if there are fewer participants.

There is always flexibility at the district level but at the Provincial level there is always a full complement.

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**Volleyball**

A match will consist of 2 games with a time limit of 45 minutes for a match

**Pro Active Consideration for Sports/Divisions:**

OSGA is looking at the following:

- Prediction Run 5KM M/W
- Snooker / 8 Ball / Billiards draft to be reviewed
- Swimming – Suggested new format
- Women's Hockey will be added to the next Winter Games New rules to be established
- Slo-Pitch establishing a criteria for Competitive and Recreational divisions
- Alpine Skiing looking at the slope requirement
- Table Tennis to see if there should be a singles division

We are also looking for rules for other events like Scrabble, Crokinole and Solo that can be on the website for districts to try at their level.

**Discussion:**

Charlie Cruickshank (22) stated he is new to this organization but has seen classification of some rules but is not sure if they are current. The rules are no longer printed for District Coordinators but are always available in the updated version on the OSGA website. The date of their application is listed after the rule title (Month / year) so you can tell if it is revised.

Marie Beckstead (8) asked if there was any plan to review the rules. Peter Hensel noted that it is the delegates that drive the changes when needed.

Carol Lovelady (10) asked about the eligibility rule (Policy G-003) and if it will change to more specific restrictions by sport. It was noted that this is the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of a two year trial. If there are any suggestions, again, delegates should submit them to the Rules Committee. It was noted that it was extremely difficult to check eligibility from official sources.

Lynn Santarossa (32) asked about the rules for Snooker. They are in draft ready to be checked and posted soon.

Bob Hill (6) asked if the rules on the OSGA website are the suggested rules for district games but will they be used at the Provincial level. Some convenors choose to do their own rules at the district level. OSGA encourages districts to follow the rules on the website as that will be the rules used at all Provincial games and it makes it easier for your participants to play using only one set of rules.

Roger Huestis (7) asked for clarification on the Recreational and Competitive Slo-Pitch teams. They are being worked on at the moment and will be posted soon.

Helene Belanger (2A) asked about the Bid Euchre change that she mentioned at the Northern Regional meeting. She was asked to submit it in writing for the Rules Committee to discuss.

**Technical Committee Report 2014-15:**

During the last year, the OSGA Technical Committee has continued to work on ensuring that the OSGA is able to use the technology available to enhance its program. Communication and record keeping are two areas that are continually being addressed.

The OSGA Membership Database has been in existence for approximately five (5) years. It has been very successful in recording participants involved at the district level and the events that are being held. This information is very valuable to the association for compiling statistics used in reporting to stakeholders and for making decisions regarding future programming.

In 2015, as originally planned, the database was culled to remove participants who had not been active for the last two (2) years. This action results in a more accurate record of active participants for both the OSGA and the Member Districts.

Several fields of information were revised, including removing the Age Groups and adding Year of Birth. By doing so, accuracy of statistics is improved as it was found that Age Groups were not being updated yearly.

In order to assist the Regional 55+ Games with their registration, a new database was created for those events. It allowed districts to register online as in the Ontario 55+ Games, and provided the organizing committees an accurate record of the entries which could be easily used to produce the data needed. It is planned to make a version of this database to districts to use with their district games.

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Another such database is being created to allow potential Canada 55+ Games participants to register their intention to attend these games online. This will help save the CSGA/OSGA committee time and expense in contacting these participants.

In order to facilitate better communication with the membership and within the Board of Directors, the OSGA has purchased subscriptions for two (2) programs.

- Constant Contact – a mass emailing program which allows emails to be sent to specific groups and surveys to be conducted. This service has also been made available to the Districts to use for communicating with their participants.
- Go-To-Meeting – a program which allows the OSGA Board Members and committees to host virtual meetings using the internet. It makes it easier to arrange short meetings and saves the expense of travel.

Finally, with the move to a new office, effort has been taken to make it as accessible as possible. A meeting room, available for small group meetings, has been set up with a TV to facilitate Go-to-Meetings and the ability to project information during such meetings.

Peter Hensel thanked people for their attention and consideration as well as suggestions that help with this process. He reminded everyone to look at the “Big Picture” across the whole province.

6. **OSGA CSGA Report – Ronnie Brown**

CSGA Qualifying Procedures:

Eligibility:

- Current member of OSGA 55+ (for 2016 Canada 55+ Games, OSGA membership for 2016 must be paid)

Registration Procedure:

Once the list events have been announced by the host community, the following procedure will be used to register participants from Ontario.

- For events in the OSGA program :
  - Information will be sent to Ontario 55+, Regional, District Games and Open Invitational winners.
    - All interested parties will be asked to register their intent to attend through an online registration system,
    - Priority will be given in the following order:
      - Medal winners of previous Ontario 55+ Summer & Winter Games,  
*(If a division was combined/cancelled, priority will be given to those registered in the original division according to their final placement i.e. 75+ Tennis)*
        - opportunity to complete registration by a **posted deadline**
      - Medal winners of previous Regional 55+ Games, Open Invitational,
      - District participants of previous District Games,
        - Unfilled spots will be offered on first come, first serve basis from a waiting list
    - If an event is **singles only**, winners from OSGA double events will get first choice of entering.

**NOTE:** Entries are considered complete when registration form and payment have been received.

- For events NOT in the OSGA program
  - Information will be advertised.
    - Registration will be open to all interested parties who will be asked to register their intent to attend through an online registration,
    - Acceptance will be on a first come, first serve basis according to date complete registration is received.

**ALL** registrations MUST come through the OSGA Canada 55+ Games committee.  
NO direct registration with the host will be accepted.

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<b>4.</b>	<p><b>Vice President's Report – Bob Tremblay</b></p> <p>After each Regional Meeting in 2014-15, a link to the survey was sent to the District Coordinators to build a strong organization and develop positive active participants. The Goal was to have a better understanding of the Member Districts so that the OSGA could assist those districts that are having difficulty and to revise or develop programs to implement the changes or help that may be needed to enable Member Districts to become stronger. The Overall Return was 15 out of 33 Districts (4 inactive) By Region</p> <table style="margin-left: 40px;"> <tr> <td>Central</td> <td>4 out of 7</td> <td>(D10,11,14,28)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HUBB</td> <td>3 out of 6</td> <td>(D16, 17, 20)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Golden Horseshoe</td> <td>2 out of 5</td> <td>(D23,24)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Eastern</td> <td>4 out of 7</td> <td>(D5,6,7,7A)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Southwest</td> <td>2 out of 8</td> <td>(D30,33A)</td> </tr> </table> <p>This survey showed many districts do not have a succession plan which is needed to get new ideas and new events. From the comments, it is time to renew the Membership Agreement to explain the District and OSGA roles and clarify misconceptions. It also noted that the Modules can be an effective tool for districts to use. Not all Districts hold both Summer and Winter Games while others combine. Some Districts only register for membership if they qualify for Ontario 55+ Games which is unfair and not according to policy or membership agreement. Some do not participate in Regional Games. Invitational events are a way to introduce new events and permit district/region to get a feel for how event is accepted by participants. They are excellent way to invite new members. OSGA needs indication of interest before new events can be added to the Ontario 55+ Games program. Several Districts have local rules that are adapted for venues, equipment, and number of participants. However, these should be written down for consistency and all participants must be aware that OSGA rules are sole source for Regional and Ontario 55+ Games. A review of the District Coordinator's Responsibilities and the use of Communication Tools such as Constant Contact, OSGA website, display boards, promotional items, OSGA Facebook page and OSGA magazine are encouraged.</p>	Central	4 out of 7	(D10,11,14,28)	HUBB	3 out of 6	(D16, 17, 20)	Golden Horseshoe	2 out of 5	(D23,24)	Eastern	4 out of 7	(D5,6,7,7A)	Southwest	2 out of 8	(D30,33A)
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	<p><b>Staff Reports</b></p> <p><b>Program Manager Report Geoff Johnson</b> Welcome to the 2015 OSGA 55+ (Ontario Senior Games Association) AGM and Conference. Below are some highlights of the last year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Districts             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Redevelopment                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Open Information Sessions – designed to promote both the OSGA 55+ program as well as the local District that are looking to engage new volunteers and participants – the following were Districts I ran sessions in:                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• District 4 – Muskoka/Parry Sound, District 23 – Hamilton, District 26 – Waterloo/Wellington and District 31 – Oxford/Elgin</li> </ul> </li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Key Note: District 31 – Oxford/Elgin now operational</li> </ul> </li> <li>o Training Modules                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> There are 4 modules designed to help train and educate both new and experienced District Committees – Governance, Games Operations, Finance and Marketing/Promotion                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Delivered modules to District 16 – Scarborough</li> <li>• I continue to work with various Districts to schedule dates/times</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>o Miscellaneous                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Attend District meetings (ie. District 12, 15, 16, 22, 23, 24, 25, 28, 30, 31) to help provide guidance and act as a resource to these Districts. This is a great opportunity to have an OSGA presence at your meetings to discuss ways to enhance your District operations for your participants.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Display Board Loaner Program has been successful– used for Senior's Fairs/Events/etc. (Districts 5, 7A, 10, 16, 17, 22, 25, and 28) – some Districts have even purchased their own now for continuous use.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>															

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Have continued to build solid relationships with all Districts through various communications (phone, emails, meetings, etc.)

33 Districts held Summer Games in 2015

#### Grants

o Summer Experience Program

Through the assistance of this grant a summer student was hired to provide assistance to the Regional 55+ Games host committees at the direction of the OSGA 55+ Office Staff. The student developed event maps and directions, developed convener manuals, assisted with schedules and was able to experience 3 of the 5 Regional Games in person.

o Ontario Trillium Foundation

Received a grant for \$130,000 over two years

- Provided financial support to 5 Regional 55+ Games as well as two small scale events to be held in the Northern Region
- Provided financial support for OSGA to purchase equipment to establish a Loaner Program (i.e. shuffleboard, dart boards, bridge sets, pickleball nets, etc.)
- Developed an online registration system that was used for Regional Games and can be used for Open/Invitational events
- Provided financial support towards 2 Open/Invitational events

- Regional Games

The OSGA 55+ through funding from an Ontario Trillium Foundation Grant provided financial and advisory support to 5 Regional 55+ Games. In addition, the OSGA 55+ will be providing support to two small scale events to be held in the Northern Region.

#### Golden Horseshoe Region

Date Wednesday, August 19, 2015

Location Welland

Number of Participants 158

Events 8 – Darts, Euchre, Cribbage, Golf, Floor Shuffleboard, Pickleball, Walking, Nordic Walking

#### Central Region

Date Wednesday, August 26, 2015

Location Midland

Number of Participants 203

Events 10 – Bid Euchre, Duplicate Bridge, 5-Pin Bowling, Floor Shuffleboard, Golf, Lawn Bowling, Pickleball, Scrabble, Swimming, Walking

#### Southwest Region

Date Thursday, September 10, 2015

Location London

Number of Participants 534

Events 16 – Bud Euchre, Contract Bridge, Cribbage, Duplicate Bridge, Euchre, 5-Pin Bowling, Carpet Bowling, Lawn Bowling, Darts, Golf, Pickleball, Floor Shuffleboard, Slo-pitch, Tennis, Walking, Nordic Walking

#### Eastern Region

Date Wednesday, September 16, 2015

Location Kingston

Number of Participants 171

Events 9 – Golf, Euchre, 5-Pin Bowling, Darts, Contract Bridge, Cribbage, Bid Euchre, Carpet Bowling, Floor Shuffleboard

#### HUBB Region

Date Wednesday, September 26, 2015

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Location HUBB Districts  
 Number of Participants 382  
 Events 15 – 5-Pin Bowling, Bid Euchre, Carpet Bowling, Cribbage, Cycling, Euchre, Golf, Lawn Bowling, Pickleball, Snooker, Swimming, Table Tennis, Tennis, Walking, Nordic Walking

- Ontario 55+ Winter Games
  - o The office provided a significant amount of assistance to the Haliburton County host committee through increased communication.
- Application/Request Forms
  - o Included in your AGM Package are these application/request forms for various services the OSGA 55+ office can provide your District:
    - Display Board Rental Form
    - Equipment Loaner Rental Form
    - Training Modules Request Form
    - Promotional Materials Request Form

**Event Coordinator Report 2015 Stan Fleet**

In 2015, the OSGA 55+, in partnership with local hosts, held 2 Open/Invitational Events. These events were made possible with support from the OSGA 55+'s Ontario Trillium Foundation Grant. In addition to OTF support, the open invitational events received support through OSGA 55+'s Mass Insurance Sponsorship

Event	Date	Location	Participants
Women's Hockey	February 16-17, 2015	Minden	40
Pickleball	April 22-23, 2015	Stratford	126

In 2016, the OSGA 55+ will be planning several Open/Invitational events across the province. Planned events are listed below.

Event	Date	Location
Volleyball	November 18, 2015	Windsor (District 30 Initiated)
Women's Hockey	February 2016	TBD
Men's Hockey	March 2016	TBD
Table Tennis	April 2016	Greater Toronto Area
Pickleball	April 2016	Markham
Squash	TBD	TBD
8-Ball Pool/Snooker	TBD	Barrie

\*All dates and locations are tentative and subject to change

In addition to the events above, the OSGA 55+ is exploring the feasibility of the following events:

- Darts • Ringette
- Carpet Bowling • Golf
- Floor Shuffleboard • Slo-pitch
- Card/Table Games • Curling

The OSGA 55+ is also looking for suggestions and hosts for Open/Invitational Events. If your district is interested in partnering for an event, or you have event ideas, contact Event Coordinator Stan Fleet at 905-232-8581 or stan@ontarioseniorgames.ca.

**2014 AGM Report**

This was the first year that bids were sent out to districts so that they could showcase their area. Nine bids were received and from those the AGM committee selected District 21 to host the AGM.

The 2014 AGM was held in Burlington, ON and seemed to be well received. Delegates and Board members from 29 of the

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districts were in attendance with all regions represented as follows:

North	2, 2A and 3A
Central	10, 11, 14, 28
East	5, 6, 7, 8 and 10
Hubb	15, 16, 17, 19 and 20
Golden Horseshoe	21, 22, 23, 24 and 25
South West	26, 27, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33A

The Holiday Inn Burlington proved to be an excellent venue with a staff that was willing to set up the various rooms to suit our purposes. Any glitches were corrected ASAP. Plus Tourism Burlington offered an incentive of \$1000 if 50 or more rooms were rented. This AGM used rooms (24 on Sunday, 28 on Monday and 3 on Tuesday = 55)

Bill Lytle provided shuttle service for 2A delegates travelling by air and it was greatly appreciated. District 21 donated \$500 to cover expenses such as entertainment, etc.

The Meet and Greet Hospitality Room was well attended by delegates that arrived in time. The Holiday Inn provided 2 complementary rooms in a suite. This area was used for the get together. The AGM Committee provided snacks of meats, cheese, crackers, etc. and delegates BYOB.

Registration went very smoothly. Thanks to Geoff Johnson and Stan Fleet for the preparation of delegate packages. Tourism Burlington also had a "goodie" bag with chocolate and pamphlets for the delegates that was added to these packages.

The Halton A and B meeting rooms served our purpose and the business meeting went quite well. The elections were held with a number of new people putting their name forward. SAO did a short presentation on On-line Registration informing the delegates of a few changes. Myke Malone, General Manager for the 55+ Ontario Winter Games in Haliburton highlighted the upcoming set of games and what the GOC has done to enhance the event for the participants.

Coffee breaks were served each morning in Halton A and B. Breakfast and Lunch were buffet style each day in the Atrium.

The Bob Secord banquet was held in the Harvester Room and Paulette Kupnicki and Al Hunter were awarded the Bob Secord Award. It was a great evening. Entertainment (Pianist Gerry Tymstra) was provided by District 21.

Day 2 was the conference part of the AGM. Stan Fleet informed the delegates about the OSGA Facebook page and its potential in reaching people throughout Ontario. He encouraged districts to send items to the office to add to this page. After a sharing session was directed by Gail P. with the materials delegates were asked to bring to the AGM. After a break, the groups rotated through three presentations by Snooker Canada, Nordixx Pole Walking and Squash Ontario. (The hotel had donated the Atrium for the set up for Squash Ontario but the indoor court was not brought by the presenter). At lunch, Away Care, our newest sponsor made a presentation with pamphlets and hand-outs. After the final session the delegates were on their way.

Evaluation sheets sent out in Constant Contact to the delegates were very favourable. Hopefully the delegates went away with a better understanding of the OSGA and its role in assisting them.

Survey Results:

Responses were from 28 participants.  
 11 were first-time attendees at the AGM.

Accommodations:	Location	Good	24	Fair	3
	Rooms	Good	24	Fair	1
Meeting Rooms		Good	22	Fair	6
Food		Good	25	Fair	3

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Registration Information	Too early	0	Too late	1
Conference Schedule				
Format	Too long	0	Too short	1
Length of presentations	Too long	0	Too short	0
Conference Presenters	Value of topic to your district			
	Nordixx Canada	Good	20	Fair 6
	Snooker Canada	Good	10	Fair 14
	Squash Ontario	Good	9	Fair 12
Sharing Session		Good	20	Fair 7
Gift Idea to "Showcase Your District"		Good	21	Fair 7
Suggested Topics:		25 Responses		
Additional Comments:		22 Responses		
		<i>2014 AGM Committee: Sandie Clode Angie Richard</i>		

8.	<p><b>Question and Answer</b></p> <p>A question and answer period allowed delegates to ask questions and clarify issues:</p> <p>Guy Chaput (7A) asked how long waivers should be kept. It was noted at the Provincial level they keep volunteer and participant waivers for 7 years.</p> <p>Charlie Cruickshank (22) asked about registration forms. There are forms on the website and Stan Fleet will mentor with the various sections. It was noted that OSGA has a mentor program. A district can request a mentor on any area they would like assistance with.</p> <p>Gail Prior noted that OSGA would like districts to start using birth years and not age categories for their registration form and to put on the database. Often they have not been updated. The reason is with birth year it is easier to keep the correct age group for participants.</p> <p>Joanne Palmer (16) asked about accepting participants from other districts. It was noted that you can accept participants from <b>adjacent</b> districts. It is, however, a courtesy to <b>inform that District Coordinator</b> that the person is playing in your games as they cannot play in both districts. Plus you can only participate in <b>one district per set of games</b>.</p> <p>Petra Halk (21) asked about which membership card should that adjacent district participant have. Gail Prior said they could have a membership card from the district where they are playing. That could mean they have two cards (winter and summer)</p> <p>Carol Lovelady (10) asked about playing Euchre in the home district and then Tennis in the adjacent district if it was not offered in the home district. No the participant can only play in one district per set of games (e.. all events in same district for all their Summer Games events but could play in a different adjacent district for all their Winter Games events)</p> <p>Lynn Santarossa (32) noted that District Coordinators at the district level should be careful to check addresses and be suspicious if there is a duplicate address.</p> <p>Doris Ann Cook (8) asked if a participant in District 9 can participate in 8 as that event is not in 9. Yes as long as that participant does not participate in both 8 and 9 for the same set of games.</p> <p>Gail Prior noted there is a way when your numbers are low or you do not hold an event to help adjacent districts hold competitions that are viable. The example cited was District 30 and 29 – an event is held and both are invited. After the event the top winner from District 30 and the top winner from District 29 are the Gold winners for their respective district and so on. That way there is a good competition yet both districts have winners to send on.</p> <p>Guy Chaput (7A) asked if Quebec participants can enter district games or Canada Games. No they are not eligible.</p> <p>Roger Huestis (7) asked all District Coordinators to be respectful of other districts. Let them know if participants are coming to play in your games as a matter of courtesy.</p> <p>Bob Hill (6) asked if you don't hold Winter Games, should you let adjacent districts know. Yes, again as a matter of courtesy.</p> <p>Mitch Lupa (30) restated that District Coordinators need to inform the other districts if people are playing in your games.</p> <p>Don Hector (33A) said rules for other events like Scrabble were submitted. They will be posted on the OSGA website under Rules – Other Events to help districts who would like to try these events use them as a resource.</p>
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	<p>Marie Beckstead (8) asked about the formation of Regional Committees and what authority they have. Gail Prior stated that these committees provide an opportunity for districts to work together. They could meet once or twice a year to share ideas and provide a forum for discussion. The Southwest Region has done this for over 20 years meeting two times a year and it is very productive. Each year a different district runs the meetings. They establish the order for the Regional Games showing which district will be responsible. It also provides a great opportunity when there are Regional Games (every two years) to have that committee present information, forms and a summary of those games.</p> <p>A Regional Games Committee is a different thing. It establishes the order for running the games, plans the events and actually run the Regional Games. That committee does not have to be the district committee. Often there may be representatives on it but in the Southwest Region in 2015 there were only 3 representatives from District 30 - London (where it was held) on the Regional Games Committee. There were young people from the YMCA and interested people running those games. That way you don't overload your district committee.</p>
9	<p><b>New or Other Business</b></p>
	<p><b>None</b></p>
10.	<p><b>Slate of Officers – Peter Hensel</b></p>
	<p>Angie R. asked for any nominations from the floor.        The Nominating Committee was listed – Peter Hensel, Denis Ringuette and Sandie Clode.        Peter Hensel explained that because this year was such a year of flux and transition, the nominating committee proposes to keep the current Executive to ensure continuity and an ease of transition.</p> <p><b><u>Proposed Slate of Officers from the nominating committee:</u></b>        President – Gail Prior</p> <p>Vice President – Bob Tremblay</p> <p>Board Members – 2 year term (3)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Grant Lynch</li> <li>- Robert Peladeau</li> <li>- Angeline Richard.</li> </ul> <p>Since there were no other nominations from the floor, the proposed Slate of Officers were elected by acclamation.  <b>Motion: to close nominations by Peter Hensel (33A) and seconded by Ronnie Brown (5). CARRIED.</b></p> <p><b><u>2015-16 Board of Directors</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>President - Gail Prior (29)</li> <li>Vice-President - Bob Tremblay (19)</li> <li>Treasurer - Denis Ringette (2)</li> <li>Secretary - Sandie Clode (30)</li> <li>Past President - Peter Hensel (33A)</li> <li>Board Member (2 year) - Lety Dudgeon (28)</li> <li>- Ellen Patterson (27)</li> <li>-Angie Richard (14)</li> <li>-Grant Lynch (6)</li> <li>-Gord Mewhiney (25)</li> <li>-Robert Peladeau (8)</li> </ul> <p><b>Motion: by Peter Hensel, seconded by Ronnie Brown that the proposed slate of officers be confirmed. CARRIED.</b></p>
11.	<p><b>Introduction of Ryan Allbright, Ministry of Tourism, Sport and Culture – Gail Prior</b></p>
	<p>Ryan Allbright explained the changes to the relationship with OSGA. Since SAO went bankrupt that brought new challenges. A new agreement on annual funding was reached increasing the amount given to OSGA for its operation. A new structure was set up on how OSGA reports to the Ministry. Since there is no longer a middle step (SAO) things can happen a bit quicker. So far the transition has gone well.</p> <p>The 55+ Ontario Games logo will be a new brand to represent Games Ontario. An extensive review of the Ontario Games</p>

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is underway surveying 36 municipalities re: funding, performance etc. in an effort to make changes in the structure for municipalities so that it will make the games more attractive to bid on. The Ministry is currently working on getting games assets that each municipality can use to enhance the games (e.g. signage, podiums, medal trays, etc.). The Ministry is currently working with OSGA supporting OSGA with policy development. The Goal is to improve the association and ensure consistent dialogue between the Ministry and OSGA as the Ministry is committed to supporting the games for the 55+ generation.

**12. Midland Presentation on the 2016 Summer 55+ Games**

Bryan Peters, Games Manager for the 2016 55+ Summer Games went over a few of the highlights for the upcoming games. The GOC is working to enhance every aspect of the games for the participants. The town of Midland and partners are looking forward to these games. He brought a handout and power point presentation for each delegate. First Bryan gave a brief summary of his background. In a handout were the following:

- Letter from Mayor McKay
- Letter from GOC Chair Chester Graham
- Brief history of Midland
- Budget
- Maps

He outlined the format for each day and gave updates on the games. He also spoke about the fundraising explaining the various levels and outlined the Tourism amenities. The Games GOC are hoping to set up a newsletter for the District Coordinators by December to update about the games. Accommodations will be in Midland, Orillia, Barrie and at Georgian College. The accommodations will be arranged by sport. He pointed out that they are very much looking forward to hoisting the games and gave his contact information for the delegates:

Bryan Peter  
 Games Manager  
 (705) 526-4275 X2221  
 bryan.peter@midland.ca

**Discussion:**  
 Denis Ringette (2) asked whether accommodations would be by district or by sport. Due to transportation costs, it will be by sport.  
 Petra Halk (21) asked how District Coordinators will know the location of venues when only the name of the venue is listed. There is a map in the package to show the locations.  
 Robert Peladeau (8) asked if these games would utilize buses that bring up the participants for transporting to the venues as has been done in the past. No district buses will be needed.

All of the information will be on the 55+ Summer Games website as well as the OSGA website soon.

- Dates to remember:
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| February 1, 2016 | Registration forms to be availability on-line                             |
| June 22, 2016    | Registration opens 9:00 a.m.  |
| July 6, 2016     | Registration closes at 12 noon  |
| July 6, 2016     | District Coordinators Summary Form deadline 12 noon (submitted by e-mail) |
| July 8, 2016     | Invoices mailed to District Coordinators                                  |
| July 22, 2016    | Payment in full for invoices must be received                             |
|                  | Cheques payable to Town of Midland  |
|                  | Mailed to : 2016 Ontario 55+ Summer Games                                 |
|                  | c/o Town of Midland   |
|                  | 575 Dominion Avenue   |
|                  | Midland , ON L4R 1R2  |
| July 22, 2016    | E-mail completed Travel Subsidy (submitted by e-mail)                     |

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	<p><b>Note:</b> Participants and non-participant waivers and medical forms must be brought by each individual participant to the Games Registration/ Accreditation Centre on August 9, 2016 in order to pick up accreditation package.</p> <p>A monthly e-mail newsletter will be sent to all District Coordinators at the end of each month beginning November 30, 2015 with updates and more details.</p>
13.	<p><b>ACTIVITY CHOICES</b></p> <p>Angie Richard reviewed the choices for the time before the Bob Secord Banquet</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Self-directed touring of Ottawa</li> <li>• Meeting with delegates to discuss and share ideas</li> <li>• Relaxing and using the hotel facilities</li> </ul>
14.	<p><b>Adjournment</b></p>

<p><b>Banquet - Bob Secord Awards</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Frieda Calcutt District 29</li> <li>• John Heyden District 6</li> </ul>
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	<b>CONFERENCE PART OF AGM – DAY TWO</b>
1.	<b>Welcome</b>
	Angie Richard welcomed everyone.
2.	<b>Workshop #1</b>
	Pedal Easy, Communication Tools and Bring and Brag – Sharing Success were presented to the districts in a rotation format with three groups of delegates
3.	<b>Workshop #2</b>
4.	<b>Guest Speaker</b> – Mark Hatfield
5.	<b>Workshop #3</b>
6.	<b>Closing Remarks</b>