THE FINISH LINE

Arizona's Leader in Senior Fitness





Arizona Senior Olympics is grateful to all those individuals and organizations that helped to make this year's games a success:

- ASO Board of Directors
- ASO Sports Commissioners
- ASO Games Management Team
- Lakeview Lanes
- Camelback Medical Center
- Body Technologies Gym
- Sun Devil Fitness Complex
- Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona
- White Mountain Cycling Club
- North Phoenix Baptists Church
- Greenfield Village in Mesa
- The Salvation Army
- Herberger Center
- Prescott Parks and Recreation
 Department
- Phoenix Parks and Recreation
 Department
- Chandler Parks and Recreation
 Department
- Glendale Parks and Recreation
 Department
- and all of our wonderful volunteers!



37th ASO Games Enjoyed by All









- 1. Swimming is always cool.
- 2. Cyclists hit the road.
- 3. It's all about the medals.
- 4. Volunteers make it happen.
- 5. Powerlifting with a smile.
- 6. Shuffleboard had a beautiful day.
- 7. Powerlifting is for women, too.
- 8. Badminton doubles battle it out.
- 9. Archery takes strength and concentration.
- 10. These women take volleyball seriously.













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Tempe and the communities of Sun City, Sun City West and Sun City Grand





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Pickleball is coming!

Arizona Senior Olympics Pickleball Tournament October 2018

A qualifier for the National Senior Games to be held in Albuquerque, NM

Registration Opening Soon!

Join us in planning the 2019 games!

It's spring and the Games Management Team (GMT) is recruiting volunteers to help plan the 2019 Games! The GMT is a special group of people who donate some of their time to plan and implement the annual Arizona Senior Olympic (ASO) Games. Here are the duties:

- Attend a monthly meeting to discuss and decide upon things such as schedules of events, logistics, equipment needed, etc.
- Be a resource to the Sport Commissioners of two sports, helping them plan and promote their competitions.
- Act as a liaison between the Sport Commissioner and the ASO office, passing along information, changes, rules, policies and encouragement!

A Tale of Two Beckys

Most athletes who have been around for a while and have attended the National Games will have, at some time or another, spoken with Becky Wesley. In the years that she worked on "association relations," she endeared herself to thousands of senior athletes because of her kindness and ability to solve problems. Never grumpy or difficult, Becky was always there to help whoever needed it and always did so with a smile in her voice and on her face.

At the January National Senior Games Association (NSGA) Conference this year, Becky Wesley retired from her job at NSGA. Everyone who attended knew that it was the passing of an era. Becky contained much of the organizational memory of NSGA and she will be missed by staff, state coordinators and athletes. We wish her good health and great happiness as she enters another phase of life.



- Learn as much as you can about the two sports you coordinate in order to be a help to the Commissioner in making decisions and implementing their event.
- Attend two Commissioner's meetings during the year.
- Call the Sports Commissioners (2) once each month to review the progress of planning the event.
- Help with the set up, awards ceremony and take down of the two sports to which you are assigned.
- Happily accept the gratitude of the many seniors you will be helping to stay healthy, active and fit. Enjoy!

To become one of these very special people, call the ASO office at 602-274-7742 and speak with Irene.



Becky Wesley and Becky Sewell. (Special to LLAF)

Becky Sewell may be known to athletes, as well, since she has been with NSGA for several years, but right now she is best known for her years running the Kansas Senior Games. The athletes from her home state know her for her friendly manner and happy disposition. She will replace Becky Wesley as VP of Association Relations and will work well in her new position. Athletes are encouraged to look her up at the National Senior Games that will be held in Albuquerque in 2019.

Hundreds qualify for the National Senior Games in Albuquerque

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This year's Arizona Senior Olympic (ASO) Games were an opportunity for many athletes to qualify to compete in the National Senior Games, to be held in Albuquerque, New Mexico from June 14 through June 25, 2019.

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The Finish Line will continue to be a source of information for athletes planning to compete in Albuquerque and each month an article will feature an aspect of the national games and the city in which they will be held. ASO will send

the qualifying information to National Senior Games Association (NSGA), who will verify the information. Then later in the year, each gualified athlete will receive an invitation to compete in the games. Because ASO is the first qualifier of the year, ASO athletes will have ample time to plan their trip. For additional information about Albuquerque, contact Visit Albuquerque, 20 First Plaza NW, Suite 601, Albuquerque, New Mexico, 87102; 505-222-4313; 800-733-9918 ext. 3313; visitabq.org.

NSGA moves

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The National Senior Games (NSG) recently announced that its offices will be moving to a new location. Although the organization began in St. Louis, Missouri, it moved to Baton Rouge, Louisiana in the

1990s, where it remained until this year.

Beginning in April, the NSGA offices will be in Clearwater, Florida. The cost of the new offices is being underwritten, allowing NSGA to expand its staff to better serve the member states.

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