

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

(BOWLING CENTRE & NATATORIUM)
(GUTHERIDGE FIELD)



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John Millar—games services

The chairman of the games services committee, John Millar, said his work directed to doing all things necessary to ensure athletes have an enjoyable and comfortable stay while at the Special Olympics. The games services committee is responsible for accommodations, transportation, food, registration and sports facilities.

Most of the accommodations are at the Harwood and Westward hotels with the overflow stay at the Midtown Hotel-Motel. "The hotels have been cooperative in their rates and services," said Millar.

Community organizations have donated buses to transport athletes between the hotels and the Gutheridge Field and to the windup at the Heritage Inn, Millar said.

For the V.I.P.'s, Duncan Cameron of CHAB radio station is donating the use of vehicles and drivers.

There are also cars and vans at the venue sites for contingencies should any athletes have to return to the hotel. Drivers will be in radio contact with the transportation centre at the Harwood.

Two local fast food outlets are catering to the athletes at Zion Church and Gutheridge Field and will supply lunches for Friday night and Saturday noon. Breakfast will be eaten at the hotels, Millar said.

Registration for management, committee staff, athletes and mission staff will take place Friday afternoon at the Westward mezzanine.

Volunteers have registered already at the Natatorium.

Sports facilities arranged are for swimming, events at the Natatorium, bowling at the bowling centre and track, field and ball events at Gutheridge Field with Peacock gym available if the weather is inclement.

Committee chairmen are Marian Campbell of the Valley View Centre, responsible for food and entertainment, John Wassman of Coteau Range Community College, in charge of transportation, Jean Roe of the XYZ Club, in charge of registration and John Millar, responsible for accommodations and facilities.

"The most singularly difficult committee in the whole thing is the food and services committee because it is imperative the athletes are fed, fed well on time and at the best possible cost," Millar said.

Marion has done an excellent job," Millar said the committee is recovering from a setback which "threw us into confusion. Our committee had not increased the price substantially so we had to shop around for new suppliers."

At transportation, Millar said Wassman had a difficult job entering the committee just one

month ago after its former chairman left town for a new job and left the committee in "great disarray."

"John is doing a tremendous job," Millar said.

"Jean Roe is busy now as registrations start to come in," he said. The information on the forms is transferred to file cards and registrations. "I feel Jean is very much up to the task involved."

Most of the work is being done by the committee heads, he said. All of them work full time.

Millar said "we've had a fair amount of success with community support, both in getting volunteers and donations. The school board was particularly helpful in arranging facilities, he said.

The chairman said it was his "first stab" at a volunteer-organizational work. He is the Moose Jaw correspondent for the Leader-Post.

"We hope the arrangements we've made for the athletes' comfort prove to be at least adequate because this is our area where the games can be either a success or failure," Millar said.

The concept of using private facilities for accommodation and meals, unlike the private billeting of the curling championships or the Olympics Village concept of the Winter Games, has its drawbacks in cost and organization, he said, but it involves more of the community.

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"We're getting excellent cooperation and rates," he said.

Dale Kryzanowski—sport chairman

Dale Kryzanowski said he hadn't much experience with either the mentally handicapped nor in running a provincial competition but after overseeing the distribution of more than 1,600 medals and ribbons at this weekend's Special Olympics, he will have plenty of experience.

"I haven't had much experience," he said, "but we are well informed about our responsibilities."

The sports chairman, who holds down the job of recreation program supervisor in a case of the city's parks and recreation department, studied past Special Olympics and attended a some meet in Saskatoon which was as large in numbers as the competitions here this weekend.

Kryzanowski's duties do not ended with the rules and entry forms. He and his committee rounded up all the equipment needed, indicated to the management committee the facilities desired, prepared a contingency plan in case of the weather and correlated all the athletes into age groups and ability levels.

As there are people competing who range in age from eight years of age to adult, there will be five age classes, plus four ability levels. With both-males and females competing in 12 events, there will plenty of prize ribbons and medals for the top three places. Also each participant gets a participation ribbon.

The results committee also comes under Kryzanowski's direction. These people will correlate the results of the competitions and publish a final results book.

In addition, 150 volunteers have been recruited and trained to run the various events and officiate them.

The track events, Kryzanowski said, are the 50 meter dash, the 100 meter dash, the 200 meter relay and the 400 meter relay. Field events are high jump, running long jump and standing long jump.

Ball events are the soccer kick and softball throw. All outdoor events are scheduled for Gutheridge Field but in case of rain, they'll be at Peacock Technical High School Gym.

Bowling events are Friday evening at the Bowling Centre and swimming events at the Natatorium, also on Friday. Competitors may choose whether to enter the bowling or swimming events.

Track, field and ball events are all Saturday starting after the 9:00 a.m. opening ceremonies and finishing at approximately 4:00 p.m.

Other chairmen

Bob Draper is the finance chairman for the Special Olympics.

Draper is an accountant at the Valley View Centre. His duties entail keeping the books balanced and paying the bills. Dave Stewart is the member of the administration committee who will work as the chief de mission. He will conduct a one day seminar on the set-up of the games, the house rules the committee has established for the hotels and will take the chief de mission on a tour of the venues.

Connie Steinhauer is the secretary. Besides taking the minutes of the meetings, Steinhauer will also operate games headquarters on the Saturday, managing the phones, etc.

Lesley Sheppard is the publicity chairman. She is the sports editor at the Times-Herald. It was her duty to raise advertising funds and arrange for the advertising of the games.

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