

Where your \$ goes

We all know costs are rising everywhere. What we need to look at is the value for your money in these times.

Everyone who participates in the London 55+ Games, must be a member of the Ontario 55+ Games Association (OSGA). Membership begins each year on April 1st. The annual fee is \$15. It is paid online directly to OSGA, by each member. For those who can't pay online by credit card, cash is accepted and forwarded to OSGA on their behalf. None of the \$15 remains in London.

It provides comprehensive liability insurance for all participants in all events. It would be cost prohibitive for each district to purchase its own insurance so *without the OSGA 55+ we would not be able to run our games*. The OSGA 55+ also organizes provincial events such as Ontario 55+ Summer Games in the summer and the Ontario 55+ Winter Games in the winter, and separate single events in various Districts throughout the year, which give our seniors an opportunity to meet others in the province with the same interests. Without this funding there would be NO Ontario 55+ Games.

Note that membership in OSGA allows participation in about 30 events each year, at no additional cost except for Golf and Bowling that use private facilities. In the past, there has been a small admin fee, but the London Board of Directors, has decided to waive that fee since 2021. They are planning to rely on corporate sponsors, to cover local expenses like printing, awards and refreshments.