



Games Manager Hired

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May 27, 2009 – The 2010 Alberta Summer Games has filled the role of Games Manager with Peace River resident Letitia Dempster.

Letitia Dempster moved to Peace River with her husband in January 2008 and given her recent opportunity as Games Manager she is even more excited about living in this Northern community.

Letitia has been involved in amateur sport her whole life. She grew up in a small town in Central Alberta where she played a variety of sports and coached volleyball, basketball and golf.

Her career in sport management began at a golf course built by her grandparent's 25 years ago. She spent her summers working at the golf course and playing competitively in tournaments around the province. Letitia's passion for golf lead her to Grant MacEwan College in Edmonton where she obtained a diploma in Professional Golf Management. After graduating college she moved to Scotland and secured a position with the Royal & Ancient Golf Club assisting with the British Open. This was a pivotal moment in her life as she realized how much she enjoyed sport administration and organizing major sporting events. Soon after returning to Canada, she continued her studies at the University of Lethbridge where she completed a degree in Business/Sport Management. She went on to work for the Royal Canadian Golf Association, the Alberta Golf Association and a few of Alberta's top golf courses.

Being a competitor/medalist in the 1995 Alberta Summer Games Letitia has a first hand understanding of what kind of positive impact the Games have on a young athlete. "In addition to competing with many of the provinces strongest athletes, the participants will make everlasting friendships and always remember the host community for their hospitality. I look forward to working with the Board of Directors, the 3,000 community volunteers, and the Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation in creating a successful event for Alberta's young athletes in 2010."

"I am delighted to have an individual of Letitia's enthusiasm and sports background assume this key leadership role with the games" said Dave van Tamelen, chairman of the hosting society for the games. "I am sure all the participants and the many, many volunteers who will make the event a success will find working with her to be a great experience"

Over the next few weeks Dempster will be busy setting up the Games Office, which is in the Phimester Building near the Peace River High School. There are many ways to show your support by volunteering your time or helping with sponsorship opportunities. General inquiries can be emailed to peace.2010asg@hotmail.com.

The Alberta Games began as a provincial government initiative for amateur sport, providing an opportunity for all Albertans to participate. The first ever Alberta Summer Games involving zone participation, were held in Calgary in 1974. Summer Games are hosted in different communities throughout the province every other year and are now geared towards athletes ages 11 to 17.

The games will be hosted by the Peace Region July 19th – 25th 2010 in Town of Peace River, Town of Grimshaw, Village of Berwyn, Village of Nampa, Town of Falher, Town of Manning, MD of Northern Lights No. 22, Northern Sunrise County, MD of Peace No. 135, and MD of Smokey River No. 130. For more information, visit the Games website at www.2010albertasummernames.com.