

Tennis player wins gold

GOLD MEDAL WIN FOR LOCAL TENNIS.

Hugh Dow from NOTL and his partner George Najbert (Niagara Falls) are just back from a very successful week at the Canada 55 plus Games. They were the eventual Gold Medal winners of the Mens 65 plus age group Mens Doubles tennis event. The Canada 55 plus Games, held every two years, are a multi-sport activity open to adults aged 55 and older. The 2016 Games held in Brampton, Ont., Aug., 16 to 19, attracted over 1,600 athletes who participated in some 24 sports.

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Hugh Dow, now 74, has been playing tennis since he was 12. He is a member of both the Niagara-on-the-Lake Memorial Park Club and of White Oaks. "I truly believe tennis is a lifetime sport. Next year I qualify for the 75 plus age group and I look forward to competing in that. The 55 plus games are a wonderful opportunity to meet fellow participants from from your own region, Province and across the Country. We had some good battles in Brampton, especially against the Alberta team."

The Niagara region featured prominently in the Games tennis events with Alex Demeter and Michael Robinson taking Gold in the mens 55 plus doubles, Nancy Berkout and Kathy Plug, silver in the womens 55 plus doubles and Maria Dinga and Don Pozojevic, silver in the mixed 55 plus doubles.



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