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FACEBOOK

The Ontario Amateur Softball Association has ventured into Social Media. We are now located on Facebook. Like us at www.facebook.com/OntarioAmateurSoftballAssociation. We will try to update the site at least once per week to keep everyone up to date on important information. For those communities hosting tournaments, if you want any hotel information online, please send it to lat@love-a-tree.com and I will have the webmaster post it on the website.

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MEN'S

U21 Men's Canadian Fast Pitch Championship ~ Duncan McLellan Park Owen Sound, Ontario

August 6 to 12, 2012; for tickets or information, visit www.softball.ca/championships/U21Mens

MINOR NEWS

The Minor Committee Division Conveners are gearing up to be ready to answer any questions teams may have regarding rules or eliminations or provincials for the upcoming 2012 season. Coming out of the 2 successful Springboards recently held in Burford and Brockville it's obvious that players are getting the itch to be out on the diamonds and coaches are getting their practice and game plans together.

We are still looking for a couple of hosts sites so if your centre is considering hosting please check the website to see which divisions and dates are still available and then go to the forms section to download and complete

the host application. Hosting a tournament can be a great way to showcase your association and bring some great competition to your city or town. If you are not sure what's involved please contact anyone on the Minor Committee and we can help answer any questions that you may have.

All of the hosts for the OASA Select Provincial Championships have been set and contact details can be found on the OASA (www.oasa.ca) or the OSSTA (www.ossta.org) websites. Dates and hosts for each division are as follows:

Mite August 11th Richmond Hill
Squirt August 18th Woodbridge
Pee wee August 18th Georgian Bay (Victoria Harbour)
Bantam August 18th Kitchener Waterloo
Midget August 18th Georgian Bay (Minesing)

If you have any questions at all regarding any of the Minor divisions (Midget and under) please feel free to contact myself or anyone on the committee.

Dave Northern
Minor Committee Chair
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QUEST FOR GOLD

Softball Ontario/OASA is pleased to announce the final list of athletes who have been nominated for Ontario Cards under the 2011-2012 Quest for Gold - Ontario Athlete Assistance Program (OAAP). The athletes nominated were selected using the sport specific selection criteria developed by Softball Ontario/OASA approved by its Board of Directors and applied by (the) Selection Committee.

Austin Brown
Andy Barber
Ty Sebastian
Adam Stuck
Brett Hall
Travis Jones
Nick Gannon
Aaron McCaw
Ben Davis
Jordon Turcotte
Drew Davidson
Scott Siragusa
Braden Scott
Cole Bolton
Michael Lagace-Roote

AFFILIATION

Affiliation deadlines are fast approaching. Deadline dates to have your forms into the Registrar are:

Pee Wee, Bantam, Midget, Jr. Men **May 15**

Int. Men, Sr. Men, Masters **June 10**

Jr. Mite, Mite, Squirt

June 15

Affiliation forms are available on the OASA web site www.OASA

Fee Schedule

For those teams that are only interested in the Great Lakes Tournament and NOT the Sr. Men's Canadian Championship will pay the following

Great Lakes Tournament Fee

\$450.00

For those teams intending to participate in the Sr. Men's Canadian Championship they will pay the following

Great Lakes Fee + Softball Canada Tournament Fee

\$450.00 + \$500.00 = **\$950.00**

2012 TOURNAMENTS

<i>SERIES</i>	<i>DATE</i>	<i>HOST AWARDED</i>
PeeWee Elimination	July 13 - 15	Toanche
Bantam Elimination	June 29 - July 1	Napanee
Midget Elimination	July 6 - 8	New Dundee
Junior Men's A U21	June 29 - July 1	Keady in Owen Sound
Junior U23		Jarvis
Men's and Senior Elimination	July 28-29	Jarvis
Jr. Mite,	August 11-12	OPEN
Mite	Aug. 18-19	Belleville
Squirt	Aug. 11-12	Stouffville
Squirt	Aug. 11_12	Springbrook (if needed)
PeeWee	Aug. 18-19	Ponsonby
Pee Wee	Aug. 18-19	Campbellford (if needed)
Bantam	Aug. 11-12	Port Perry

Bantam	Aug 11-12	Lyn
Midget	July 28-29	Napanee
Midget	July 28-29	OPEN
Junior B	July 13-14	Bracebridge
Men's B	Aug. 18 - 19	Sudbury
Masters	July 13-14-15	Bracebridge
Mite Qualifier	July 28-29	Palmerston
Squirt Qualifier	July 21-22	Belleville

We still have a few opening if your centre is interested in being a host for

Junior Mite and Midget

Applications can be printed from our website at <http://www.oasa.ca/forms.htm>

And mailing it back to the secretary

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IN MEMORY

By Mike Goodridge

Recently, two more long time, tireless fastball volunteers past away.

Vern Johnson from Williamsford (just outside Owen Sound) died in February. For many years Vern served the OASA as a convenor and whenever an OASA championship was contested in the Grey-Bruce region Vern could be found at the ball diamond. As Vice President Bill DeHann told me "Whenever there was a tournament up in that area I knew I could count on him and I did"

If one was to go to any fastball event in the Napanee area in the 70's and 80's Bob McGreer could be found at the ball diamond. He served the OASA as an executive member and also helped as a convenor. As Past President Dave Reynolds told me "Bob was a key cog in the Napanee fastball scene. The McGreer family has been involved in fastball as long as I can remember. Great volunteers"

The OASA has lost two more volunteers but their contributions will not be forgotten.

By Dennis Dosman

Many of you in the fastpitch community knew John MacTavish and will be saddened to learn that he has passed away today.

John was at every fast pitch tournament in the area, supporting his favourite teams, cheering for his favourite players, enjoying the company of the legions of fans that he has come to know over the past many years.

John contribution to fast pitch softball began as a young player in the WOAA leagues in the Whitechurch and

Wingham areas, and continued when he moved to Kitchener-Waterloo and played in the Kitchener Fastball League for several teams, most notably Big Bills, later as a coach in the 80s with the Waterloo CHYM'rs. John also had a great career in slo-pitch playing in several provincial and national championships with Tournament Sports every summer John attended the ISCs World Tournaments. Midland, Quad Cities, Kimberly, St Joseph, Eau Claire, and several times the International Softball Federation championships in New Zealand, Saskatoon, and Midland Mich.

Most recently "Mac" worked as a volunteer in many capacities at the Legends of Fastball in Kitchener or Tavistock's Cephas Roth or any of the OASA or ISC tournaments throughout southwestern Ontario.

"Mac" was one of the most well-liked and respected fans at any ball tournament. His opinions about the capability of hitters and the skills of pitchers was sought out by fans and coaches alike. I always marvelled at how he could walk into a park, look at the draw board and perhaps find a fatal flaw in the schedule, or look at the schedule and wonder who would have decided on the tournament seeding's. John would look and think and then say something like this..."Pool B has the two best teams here, the 1/4 final on Saturday at 5 will be the best game of this tournament..." and after the tournament, hindsight would prove him right. A 4 -3 win at 5 on Saturday followed by 2 mercy rule wins on Sunday at 11 and 1... He knew his fastball and he knew the players...

He worked on many tournaments, ISC World Tournaments in Kitchener, OASA Ontario Championships in New Dundee, ISC qualifiers in Innerkip, Midget Invitational at Hillside, and many more. Spending a weekend at a tournament was a complete joy. He was always positive about the game, happy to be at the park, a joy to sit with behind the screen and watch a good ball game.

John was one of the best reasons to attend a ball game. Sometimes when the play was less than stellar, when the pitchers were being knocked around the park, when the infielders were over throwing first and the outfielders trying the impossible throw to home, he was the only good reason to be at the park.

God bless you John...for many years to come, when there is a ball tournament in the many parks you have graced with your attendance, someone will recall you and all of us will remember you very fondly.

AWARDS

From Awards Chair Garry Waugh

Dates to Remember

- **August 1st**, O.A.S.A. Scholarship nominations, send to Bruce Young ~ 368 Craigleith Drive, Waterloo, ON N2L 5B7
- **August 15th**, Ethel Boyce Achievement Award from Softball Canada a letter of application and references send to Garry Waugh~ 45 Earls court Crescent, Woodstock ON N2C 2M2
- **September 15th**, Association Award nominations send to Garry Waugh
- **September 15th**, The Gil Read Coaches Honour Roll nominations send to Garry Waugh

- **September 23rd**, 2nd Annual O.A.S.A. Minor Provincial Champions Banquet at the Grand River Valley Golf Course at 3:00 p.m.

ATTENTION

ATTENTION: Effective immediately – recall of RAPTOR LACROSSE HELMETS

The ODC is withdrawing their approval for a defensive player using any lacrosse helmet due to the Easton Rapture Lacrosse helmet recall.

Ensure this notice is passed onto your membership.

See the attached file “Raptor Retailer Notice.pdf” from the manufacturer Easton Sports for further information and details.

Safety is the primary concern and until helmet manufacturers can ensure their products can withstand contact by a ball at over 100 MPH the ODC will not approve them.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused your membership.

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O.A.S.A. 2012 AGM ~ November 17th, Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites ~ 7095 Woodbine Avenue Markham, for more information contact AGM chair Paddy Fitzgerald-Nolan at fitznol@hotmail.com