



Western Ontario Athletic Association
75TH Diamond Jubilee - Saturday July 22, 2017

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Diamond Jubilee Celebration for WOAA In 2017

2017 is a dual-celebration year with the **150th Birthday for Canada** as well as the **Diamond Jubilee 75th anniversary of the Western Ontario Athletic Association (WOAA)**.

The WOAA has provided hockey and softball/baseball programs for youth in communities in south-western Ontario stretching from the tip of the Bruce and through Grey, Wellington, Huron and Perth counties since its founding in 1942.

The milestone will be celebrated on Saturday July 22, 2017 with a celebrity golf tournament, reception and delicious dinner with a memorable program, featuring a celebrity guest speaker, at Goderich Sunset Golf Club.

Two special recognition programs currently undergoing planning and inviting community input are:

WOAA Community Sports Legends - “extraordinary volunteers”, male or female, nominated by their hometown communities, to recognize individuals who have provided a minimum of 20 years of volunteer service and have made significant differences in the sports programs in hometown WOAA communities. This includes long-term coaches / managers, trainers, administrators, concessionaires, etc. The maximum number of Community Sports Legends to be recognized is currently at 80% committed with opportunity for a few more communities to nominate and recognize a deserving individual, Please visit the WOAA website (www.woaa.on.ca) and click on 75th Anniversary link for details of the program and a nomination form – deadline for Nominations is Monday January 9, 2017 or when the maximum is reached.

WOAA Alumni of Excellence - individuals, male and female, who are alumni of the WOAA and have participated at a high level in hockey (National Hockey League or Team Canada etc.), softball and baseball (Team Canada etc.) will all be recognized. In addition, individuals who have lower levels of achievement (minor league professional hockey etc.) will be included in the “Honorable Mention” category. Visit the WOAA website (www.woaa.on.ca) and click on 75th Anniversary link for details of the program and the current list of WOAA alumni scheduled to be recognized. Criteria for Eligibility and Achievement and a Nomination Form are available to encourage communities to add eligible alumni to the list.

Local alumni already on the list can be viewed on-line. For an up-to-date complete list please visit www.woaa.on.ca

Celebrity Golf Tournament – the 15th annual “Jon Bateson Memorial Celebrity Golf Classic” is scheduled for 10:30 shotgun start on Saturday morning July 22, 2017. The event features teams of six, including a celebrity, in a Texas Scramble format. This event annually raises funds for the WOAA “Don Gravett Memorial Bursary” program. Entry fee is \$125/golfer with an enticing early bird discounted fee of **only \$75/golfer (for the 75th anniversary) if registered and paid by February 1, 2017.**

For individuals planning to attend the event, and preferring not to golf, a local bus tour program is being finalized to points of interest in the local area – more details forthcoming.

Golfers have the afternoon reception, evening dinner and anniversary program included with their golf tournament entry fees. Other guests are welcome to purchase dinner / program tickets.

For questions about the WOAA Diamond Jubilee 75th Anniversary program, please contact Linda Espensen, General Manager, at the WOAA office at 519-357-3512 or by email at woaa@hurontel.on.ca