



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

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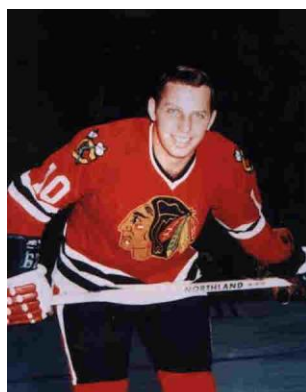
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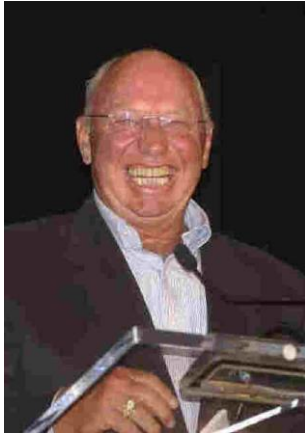
Hockey's Dennis Hull To Highlight WOAA 75th

The Host Organizing Committee of the **Diamond Jubilee 75th anniversary** of the **Western Ontario Athletic Association (WOAA)** is pleased to announce that Dennis Hull, alumnus of the Chicago Black Hawks and a member of the historic Team Canada '72, is confirmed as a guest speaker for the celebratory dinner.

Gary Gravett, Chair of the WOAA 75th anniversary organizing committee, is optimistic about the event, and shares *“The WOAA anniversary will be historic and memorable. It will certainly be fun with Dennis Hull, who many consider the most beloved story-teller in the hockey fraternity, head-lining as guest speaker for the dinner. His wit and sense of humor will have our alumni, guests and fans re-telling his tall-tales for years to come.”*



***Dennis Hull, alumnus
Chicago Black Hawks***



Dennis Hull
Popular Guest Speaker

Hull, born in Point Anne, ON on November 19, 1944, is renowned for having had a tremendously heavy and hard hockey shot from his left wing position. During his four year junior career with the St. Catharines Teepees / Blackhawks (1960-64), he potted 48 goals in his graduating year. The following season he successfully joined the parent Chicago Black Hawks in the National Hockey League. In the ensuing 13 years, Dennis potted 303 goals and 654 points, including an impressive 40-goal season in 1970-71.

Hockey's resident humorist is one of the most popular after-dinner sports speakers in Canada and lampoons his own career which was spent in the shadow of his more famous brother Bobby. Dennis is also an author with the publication of his book "Third Best Hull: I Would Have Been 4th But They Wouldn't Let My Sister Maxine Play". The title provides an indication of Dennis' unique sense of humor.

The WOAA milestone anniversary will be celebrated on Saturday July 22, 2017 with the 15th annual Jon Bateson Memorial Golf Tournament scheduled at the Goderich Sunset Golf Club at 10:30 am. Dinner will follow at the Goderich Knights of Columbus Hall, with two programs of recognition intended to include all WOAA communities from the "tip of the Bruce" south to Grey, Huron, Perth and Wellington counties.

For information about the WOAA Diamond Jubilee 75th Anniversary, please contact Linda Espensen, Executive Administrator, at the WOAA office at 519-357-3512 or by email through the website www.woaa.on.ca.

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