

# O.A.S.A.

## *High & Inside*

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### ***PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE***

Plans for the 2012 season are well underway with Men's and Minor committees having their first meetings of the year to start their respective tournaments. The Springboards will be hosted by Paris and Brockville. Check out the OASA website for up to date information.

Player Selection camps have started with the first camp in Cobourg and the other camp in London. These camps will help to choose the athletes that will make up a team to participate in the U21 Tournament to take place in Saskatoon in 2013. The coaches and trainers have a great knowledge of the game and the participants will get a great deal of knowledge from these camps.

The OASA Eliminations have all been filled with a number of returning hosts. The website is up to date and as of now we are still looking for a few hosts. If interested, please complete the bid forms and submit to Randy Bridge, Secretary, and OASA.

The OASA congratulates George Ryder in his appointment to the U21 national team as a coach. There will be a selection process for this team and scouts will be at the midget and junior tournaments this year. The next U21 ISF competition will take place next year in Argentina.

The OASA is always looking for individuals to be nominated for the various awards that the OASA presents each year. For details on the criteria for these awards look on the website at [www.OASA.ca](http://www.OASA.ca).

If you need to get in touch with me, I can be reached at [rpatenaude@hotmail.ca](mailto:rpatenaude@hotmail.ca).

Yours in Softball.

Roy Patenaude

President, OASA

## SPRINGBOARD ~ 2012

Chair George Ryder

Springboard is a ONE day program for fastball players and coaches. Certified coaches and instructors will introduce athletes to the fastball skills of pitching, catching and hitting.

There will also be an opportunity in a classroom forum for minor team coaches to learn about practice organization, skills drills and strategy.

Springboard sessions are for male and female athletes aged 7 to 12 and 13 to 19.

- **APRIL 14<sup>th</sup>**, Burford Elementary School, 35 Alexander St. Burford Ontario  
9:00 a.m. to noon            7 to 12 year olds  
12:30p.m. to 3:30p.m.    13 to 19 year olds

For more information contact George Ryder at 519-583-3544 or [georgeryder@bell.net](mailto:georgeryder@bell.net) or Garry Waugh at 519-537-5835 or [gwaugh@execulink.com](mailto:gwaugh@execulink.com)

- **APRIL 28<sup>th</sup>**, Brockville Thousand Island Secondary School, 2510 Parkdale Avenue, Brockville Ontario  
9:00 a.m. to noon            7 to 12 year olds  
12:30p.m. to 3:30p.m.    13 to 19 year olds

For more information contact Karen Mills 613-354-0828 or [millsk@limestone.on.ca](mailto:millsk@limestone.on.ca) or Dave Northern 905-420-0628 or [dave.northern@sympatico.ca](mailto:dave.northern@sympatico.ca)

Participants **MUST REGISTER** in advance by going to O.A.S.A. website at [www.oasa.ca](http://www.oasa.ca) and clicking on the front page for the link to the Springboard event.

Cost \$10.00 per participant at the door, each participant will also receive a Springboard t-shirt, pen and bag at the registration table.

The O.A.S.A. will be taking registrations at the door but space will be limited. To avoid disappointment register early on line.

## MINOR NEWS

The Minor Committee has started planning out the 2012 season and we are looking forward to another great season. Members will be participating in each of the Springboards in April and other events throughout the spring. As teams are registering Divisional Convenors will be in touch with their teams to introduce themselves and make sure that team contacts are up to date on any rule changes this year along with all key dates and activities they need to be aware of.

If you have any suggestions or would like to join the Minor Committee please let me know.

Dave Northern

Chair, Minor Committee  
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### **2012 OASA Select Provincial Championships**

The OASA and the OSSTA (Ontario Select Softball Tournament Association) are currently looking for hosts for the 2012 Select Provincials.

If your association is interested in applying you can download the application form from either the OASA website under Forms (<http://www.oasa.ca/forms/selecthostappform.pdf>) or from the OSSTA website under Provincial Tournaments ([http://www.ossta.org/filz/oasa\\_host.pdf](http://www.ossta.org/filz/oasa_host.pdf)).

The OSSTA is having planning meetings on Sunday February 26th and Sunday March 25th. Both meetings are taking place from 11:30 am - 2:30 pm at Crosby Memorial Arena in the Lamp-Lite lounge. Anyone interested in Select is encouraged to attend one or both of these meetings.

If you have any questions regarding Select please feel free to contact Dave Northern at [dave.northern@sympatico.ca](mailto:dave.northern@sympatico.ca).

## **MASTER'S**

Host Ted Conway, has booked a block of rooms at the "RIVERSIDE INN" in Bracebridge, under the name of O.A.S.A. MASTERS. Friday July 13<sup>th</sup> and Saturday July 14<sup>th</sup>, \$149.00 for 2 doubles, a total of 40 rooms is being held. The Riverside will also have a hospitality Suite for the Master players. 705-645-8775. there is several other motels in the area, with varying rates. Hope to see you all in July.

## **2012 TOURNAMENTS**

<i>SERIES</i>	<i>DATE</i>	<i>HOST AWARDED</i>
<b>Peewee Elimination</b>	<b>July 13 - 15</b>	<b>Toanche</b>
<b>Bantam Elimination</b>	<b>June 29 - July 1</b>	<b>Napanee</b>
<b>Midget Elimination</b>	<b>July 6 - 8</b>	<b>New Dundee</b>
<b>Junior Men's A</b>	<b>June 29 - July 1</b>	<b>Keady in Owen Sound</b>
<b>U21</b>		
<b>Junior U23</b>		<b>OPEN</b>
<b>Men's and Senior Elimination</b>	<b>July 28-29</b>	<b>Jarvis</b>

<b>Jr. Mite,</b>	<b>August 11-12</b>	<b>OPEN</b>
<b>Mite</b>	<b>Aug. 18-19</b>	<b>Belleville</b>
<b>Squirt</b>	<b>Aug. 11-12</b>	<b>Stouffville</b>
<b>Squirt</b>	<b>Aug. 11_12</b>	<b>Springbrook (If needed)</b>
<b>PeeWee</b>	<b>Aug. 18-19</b>	<b>Ponsonby</b>
<b>Pee Wee</b>	<b>Aug. 18-19</b>	<b>Campbellford (if needed)</b>
<b>Bantam</b>	<b>Aug. 11-12</b>	<b>Port Perry</b>
<b>Bantam</b>	<b>Aug 11-12</b>	<b>OPEN</b>
<b>Midget</b>	<b>July 28-29</b>	<b>Napanee</b>
<b>Midget</b>	<b>July 28-29</b>	<b>OPEN</b>
<b>Junior B</b>	<b>July 13-14</b>	<b>OPEN</b>
<b>Men's B</b>	<b>Aug. 11-12</b>	<b>Sudbury</b>
<b>Masters</b>	<b>July 13-14</b>	<b>Bracebridge</b>
<b>Mite Qualifier</b>	<b>July 28-29</b>	<b>Palmerston</b>
<b>Squirt Qualifier</b>	<b>July 21-22</b>	<b>Belleville</b>

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

Junior Mite, Bantam, Midget and Junior B

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

The softball community recently lost two persons who were past OASA Executive members. They are Ross Durfy from St. Catharine's and Roger Bauder from Verona who passed away in December and January respectfully.

Ross Durfy was treasurer of the OASA from 1978 to 1982. He was very active also with St. Catharine's minor softball and was a past winner of the St. Catharine's "Mister Softball Award". Roger Bauder was an Executive Council member of the OASA in 1982 and 1983. In 1980 Roger was the recipient of the F.R. Feaver Memorial award. This annual award is presented to a player, official, or officer of any league who in the opinion of the committee has made an outstanding contribution to the game. At the time Roger was the first winner east of Oshawa. Roger was the longstanding manager and heart and soul of the Verona Merchants fastball team who were an Intermediate powerhouse in the 1970's and 80's capturing many provincial championships. Doug Graham long time sports columnist of the Kingston Whig Standard wrote the following article. Banners honour softball leader

*By Doug Graham/The Whig-Standard*

Banners from Ontario Amateur Softball Association championship years on display at the Verona Lions Club on Monday paid tribute to the man regarded as Mr. Softball in the village.

He was Roger Bauder, the manager and architect behind more than two decades of very successful Verona Merchants softball clubs.

Bauder, 72, died last Thursday. The funeral service was Monday morning at the James Reid Funeral Home. Following the service, family and friends gathered at the Verona Lions Club to celebrate Bauder's life.

"He loved the sport, he loved promoting softball. He was very, very dedicated and respected by all," said Jim Cashman, who played on Bauder's Merchants for 22 years.

The Merchants, an intermediate men's team, won seven provincial titles from 1972 to 1987. Bauder did coach some teams, but primarily worked as the team manager.

"He made sure everything was up and running. He made us a much better team," said Cashman, a pitcher and a good bat on those teams.

The Merchants after a couple of provincial wins at the Intermediate C level stepped up to the Intermediate A bracket and won five titles in seven years.

Cashman said the pennants were all on display Monday, leading to many memories centred around Bauder.

"Lots of laughs and good memories. It was not just our team Roger was helping. He helped kids ball, too," Cashman said.

Past OASA president Mike Goodridge said Bauder received the highest award the provincial association hands out — the Mr. Softball Award — several years ago.

“At the time, Roger was the first person east of Oshawa to win that. It was a real honour and well deserved,” Goodridge said.

“He was such a wonderful person. He affected so many lives, not only on the ball field but in every walk of life. He touched peoples’ lives in a positive way.”

As an example of that, Goodridge said Verona’s Steve Price was helped along at the elite level of the sport by Bauder. Price, a pitcher, ended up playing for Canada and winning a gold medal at the 1990 Pan-American Games.

“Steve brought his gold medal and put it in the casket. That showed the effect Roger had on his life,” Goodridge said.

An umpire, Goodridge said working championship games on a Thanksgiving weekend, with fans huddled in blankets, wasn’t such a chore — thanks to the way Bauder ran the Verona organization.

“He instilled in the fans and the players’ wives the right way to support the team,” Goodridge said.

“They didn’t say bad things about the other team. They were there to cheer in a positive manner.”

Goodridge said whenever he met with softball people recently, they often asked about Bauder.

“He was not only well known in Kingston and Verona, but all over the province,” Goodridge said.

“He was regarded as a fine softball man, but also as a finer person.”

## AWARDS

From Awards Chair Garry Waugh

Dates to Remember

- **August 1<sup>st</sup>**, O.A.S.A. Scholarship nominations, send to Bruce Young ~ 368 Craigeith Drive, Waterloo, ON N2L 5B7
- **August 15<sup>th</sup>**, 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 15<sup>th</sup>**, Association Award nominations send to Garry Waugh
- **September 15<sup>th</sup>**, The Gil Read Coaches Honour Roll nominations send to Garry Waugh
- **September 23<sup>rd</sup>**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual O.A.S.A. Minor Provincial Champions Banquet at the Grand River Valley Golf Course