



## **HOT STOVE PANEL – Invitation / Media Release #2 – April 6, 2023**

The Ontario Amateur Softball Association (OASA) is celebrating its 100th anniversary season and you're invited to attend.

**Saturday April 22, 2023**

**Cambridge Hotel and Conference Centre, 700 Hespeler Road, Cambridge, ON**

**11:00 am - Doors Open – public welcome**

**OASA displays – memorabilia, trophies, scrapbooks**

**1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Fastball Hot Stove Panel (see below)**



## **OASA ON CITY NEWS 570**

On **Tuesday April 11 at 1:30 pm**, OASA volunteers **Larry Lynch and John Thompson** will be guests on the Mike Farwell Program on CityNews 570 radio, Waterloo Region.

## **Hot Stove Panel – Additional Panelists Confirmed**

The Panel Moderator will be **John Thompson** and panelists already scheduled include **Dick Hames and Larry Lynch**. We're pleased to confirm that two additional panel members have been added – **Dan Donahue and Bill Simpson**.

## **Dan Donahue**



**Dan Donahue** played minor softball in Hespeler, winning an OASA Juvenile “B:” title in 1962 and as a member of the Hespeler Simplicity team, an OASA Intermediate “B:” crown in 1973 and the OASA Intermediate “A” title with Owen Sound King Farms in 1977. In 1984, Dan was selected to play for Team Canada winning a silver medal. Dan shared that he played or coached in 50 tournaments, including nationals and internationally, and “the hardest championship to win was an OASA title”.

## Bill Simpson



**Bill Simpson** has, for the better part of the past half-century, been a sportsman of impact in Ontario softball. Devoting his time to his hometown of Owen Sound, the community has hosted eight national and 13 provincial championship tournaments at all age levels. As a player, coach and sponsor he has been part of 26 OASA provincial championships. Many players who have donned Owen Sound uniforms have attended Softball Canada camps and ISF world championships.

Bill's life-long objective is to maintain the game in Owen Sound and area and his commitment is "This is the best game on Earth, and I have never left and will never leave."

### Topics for Commentary

Panelists will provide personal commentary and memories on several topics that may include:

- **Fondest fastball memory**
- **Most humorous on-field event**
- **Most unusual call by an umpire**

Mark your calendar and plan to attend and as well, **please share with your networks**, especially those who are softball stakeholders and fans. Future updates forthcoming.

**RSVP YOUR ATTENDANCE** – to assist in planning for the Hot Stove Panel and to provide adequate seating, it would be appreciated if those planning to attend the presentation from 1:00 – 3:00 pm on Saturday April 20 would confirm their attendance by emailing John Thompson at [sstj99@gmail.com](mailto:sstj99@gmail.com). **Your response by Friday April 14 would be appreciated.** Thank you.

Follow this event on **Facebook** at "OASA 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary" by clicking on the following LINK- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/698055161925838>

**Questions?** – please contact the names below:.

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