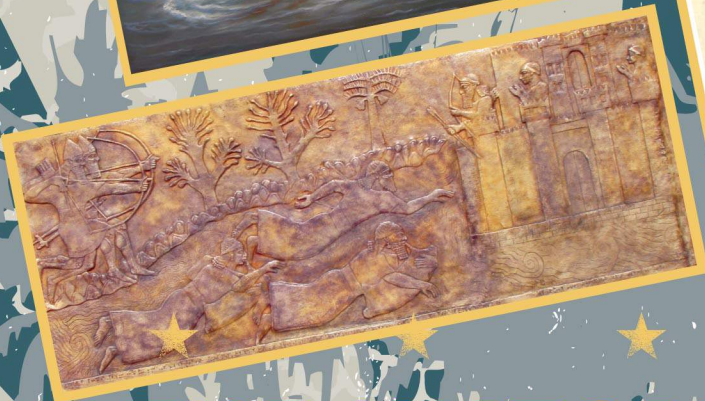
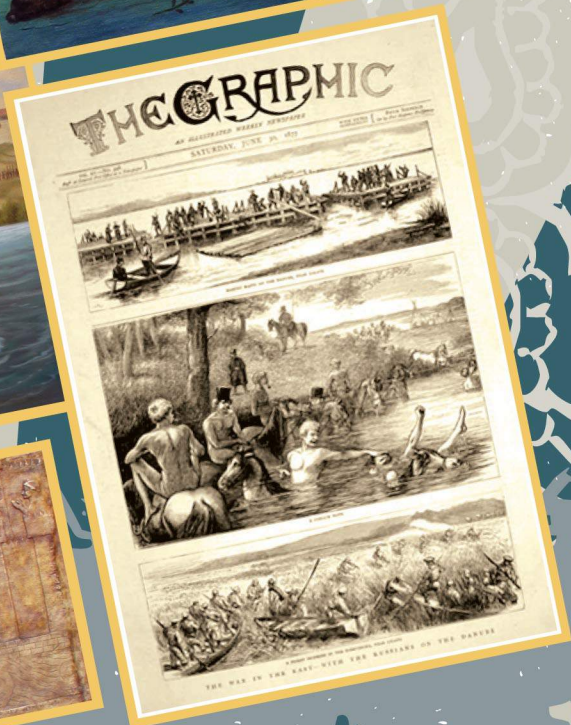
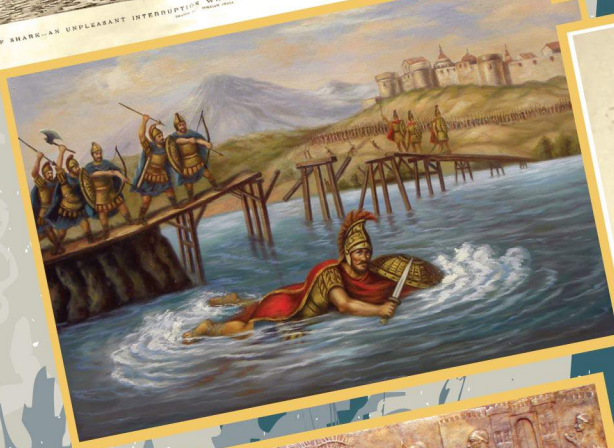
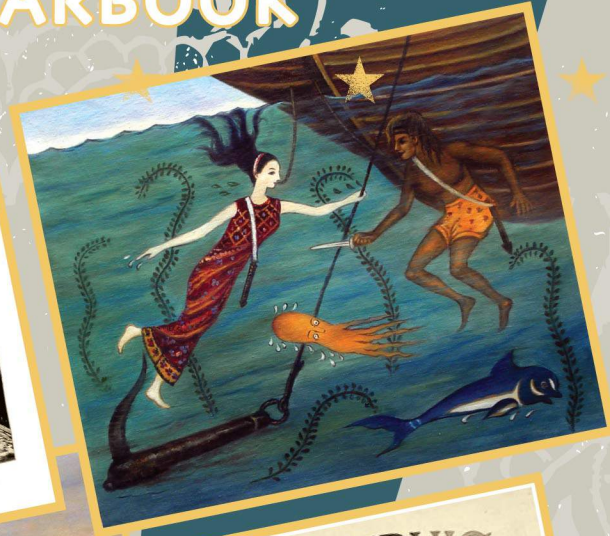
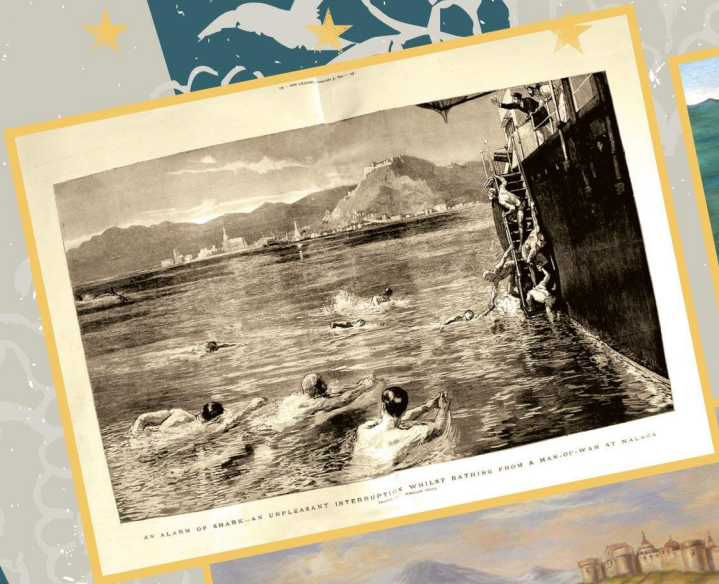


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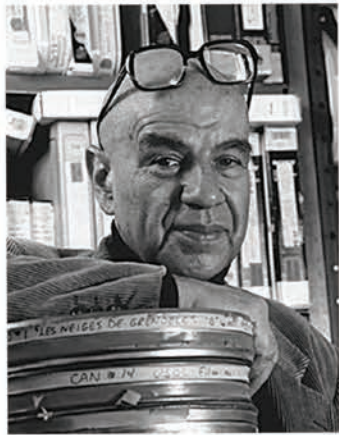


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Dedication

Remembering Bud Greenspan (1926 – 2010)



When reading the comments that visitors write in the guest book of the International Swimming Hall of Fame (ISHOF), one word stands out among all others. That word is “inspirational.” More often than not, the word “inspirational” is accompanied by the word “videos.” We have a dozen or more videos running at ISHOF at any one time and most were produced by legendary filmmaker, Bud Greenspan, who passed away on December 25th, 2010. This year’s yearbook is dedicated, in grateful appreciation, to Bud, his film company, Cappy Productions and his partner Nancy Beffa, for allowing us to share his inspirational stories with the world.

Over the years, Bud brought to life the stories of the world’s great aquatic stars, including Gertrude Ederle, Dawn Fraser, Mark Spitz, John Naber, John Moffett, Greg Louganis, Duncan Armstrong and most recently Jason Lezak and Brenda Villa, among many others. In an era when today’s culture seems to disregard history, Bud’s films continue to educate, inform and inspire visitors to ISHOF in a way that only an Emmy Award winning filmmaker can do.

In 2006, ISHOF recognized Bud’s work and support of our museum with the Al Schoenfeld Media Award and he received a standing ovation that lasted well beyond his reaching the podium to accept his award. Although suffering from Parkinson’s Bud was uproariously funny in recalling experiences with swimmers and divers. Last fall, he was quick to accept an invitation from ISHOF to participate in our inaugural International Aquatic Sports History Symposium that will take place in October of 2011. Although Bud won’t be here, his life’s work will continue to be part of ISHOF, forever immortalizing the stories of the great aquatic athletes of the past and inspiring the great athletes of the future.



(L-R) ISHOF Curator Bob Duenkel, ISHOF President Bruce Wigo, Hall of Famer Cynthia Potter and Bud Greenspan



Bud Greenspan accepting his 2006 Al Schoenfeld Media Award

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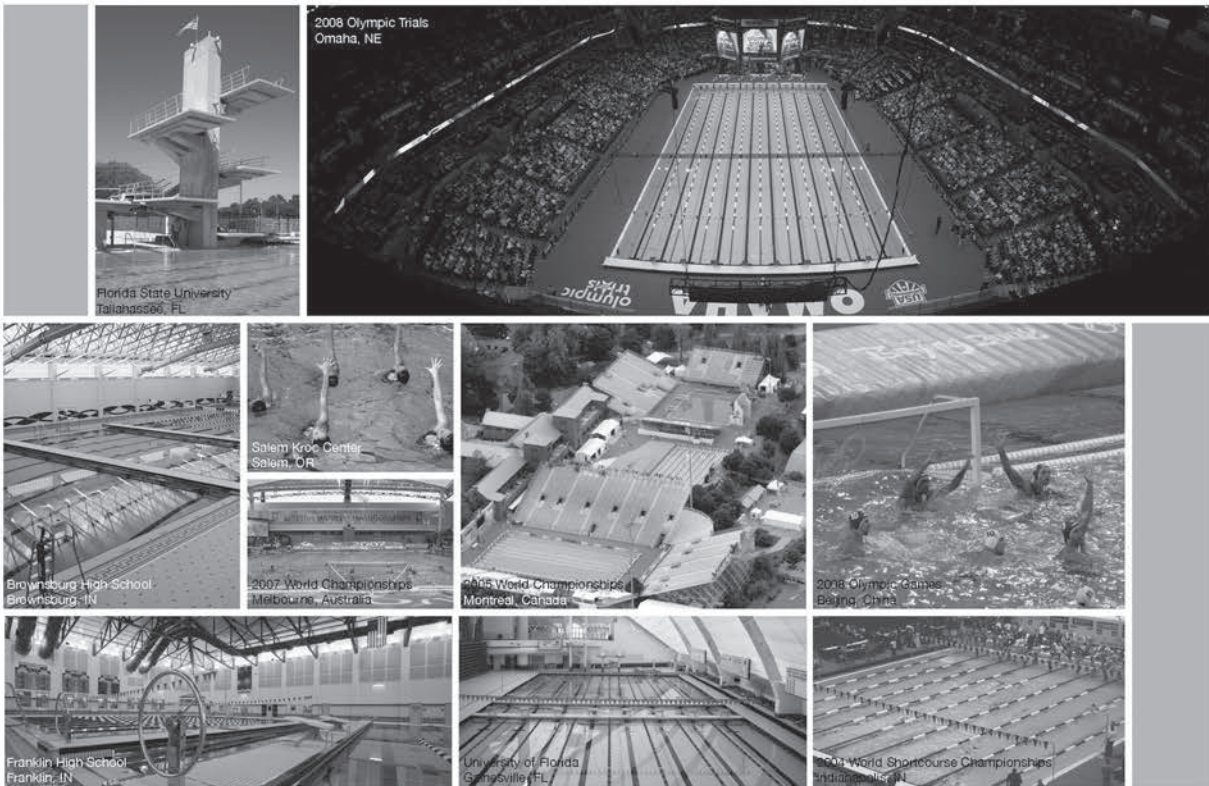
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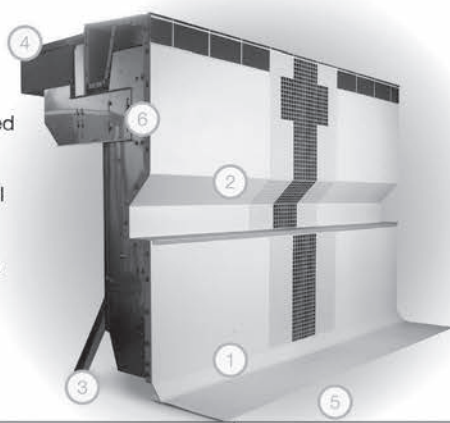
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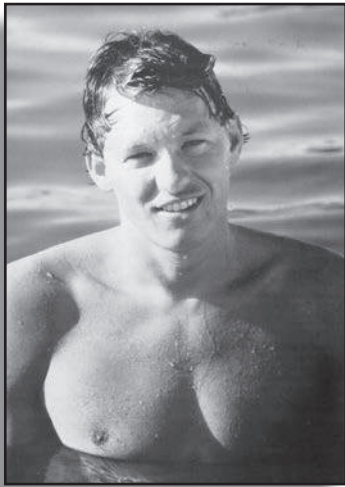
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Paul Asmuth (USA)

2010 Honor Open Water Swimmer



FOR THE RECORD: SEVEN WORLD PROFESSIONAL MARATHON SWIMMING FEDERATION TITLES: 1980-1985, 1988; MOST WINS LA TRAVERSEE DU LAC MEMPHREMAGOG: SIX CROSSINGS; FIRST AROUND MANHATTAN ISLAND UNDER SEVEN HOURS; ATLANTIC CITY PRESS NAMES ASMUTH ATHLETE OF THE DECADE (1990); COMPETED IN 59 INTERNATIONAL MARATHON SWIMMING RACES.

Move over Abou Heif, Herman Williamsee and John Kinsella, the greatest marathon swimming racers the world had seen. That's until Paul Asmuth ascended on the world scene in the 1980's becoming the most dominant racer on the professional circuit and one of the world's greatest professional marathon swimmers.

Growing up in the sunshine state of Florida, he swam his way through school as an age-group swimmer with the Fort Myers Swimming Association and continuing in college at Auburn and Arizona State with career stops at Mission Viejo, Bolles Sharks and Santa Barbara Swim Club. Along the way, he had some of the world's greatest coaches: Ginny Duenkel, Gregg Troy, Eddie Reese, Ron Johnson, Mark Schubert, Larry Leibowitz and Charles "Red" Silvia. With his own mental toughness, he grew to become one of the world's greatest professional marathon swimmers.



One of the first to utilize speed techniques from the pool into open water, Asmuth became the marathon swimmer to beat on the professional circuit during the 1980's. He won the 23 mile Around the Island Swim in Atlantic City an unprecedented eight times in water temperatures ranging from the low 60's F to the 80's F. He has a record six wins in the 27 mile Traversee Memphremagog, in Canada, holding the record from 1980 to 1994. He won the granddaddy of marathon swims, the Lac St. Jean crossing in Roberval, Quebec two times at 21 miles and once at 40 miles setting a record of 17h 6m in 50 degree water.

He won the 20 mile Capri-Napoli Swim three times and holds the record at 6h 35m. He won four times and set the course record for the 50 degree F 14 mile Les Quatorze Mille de Paspebiac Swim at 5h 35m. All totaled he has seven World Professional Marathon Swimming Federation Titles.

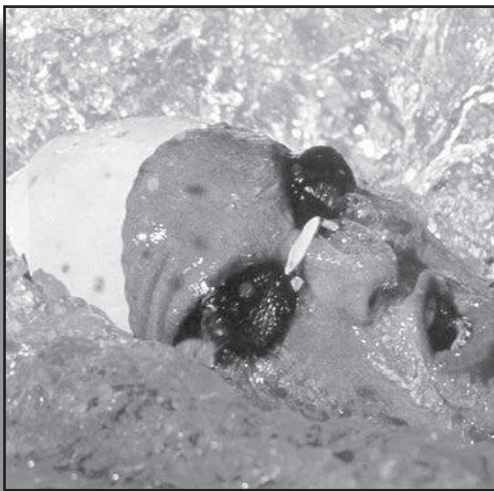


His solo swims include three English Channel crossings including the men's record (8h 12m), the only swimmer to complete the 31 mile Nantucket to Cape Cod Massachusetts and the first person under seven hours around 28 mile Manhattan Island.

Brooke Bennett (USA)

2010 Honor Swimmer

FOR THE RECORD: 1996 OLYMPIC GAMES: gold (800m freestyle); 2000 OLYMPIC GAMES: gold (400m, 800m freestyle); 1994 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: bronze (800m freestyle); 1998 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: gold (800m freestyle), silver (400m freestyle, 4x200m freestyle relay); 2000 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS (25m): silver (800m freestyle); 1995 PAN AMERICAN GAMES: gold (400m freestyle), silver (800m freestyle); 1995 Pan Pacific Championships: gold (400m, 1500m freestyle); 1997 PAN PACIFIC CHAMPIONSHIPS: gold (800m, 1500m freestyle), silver (400m freestyle); 1999 PAN PACIFIC CHAMPIONSHIPS: gold (400m, 800m freestyle); 13 U.S. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS: 2-400m freestyle, 2-500y freestyle, 3-800m freestyle, 2-1000y freestyle, 2-1500m freestyle, 2-1650y freestyle.



Growing up in Plant City, Florida on a farm surrounded by a menagerie of animals, Brooke loved the water and swam a length of the family pool at the age of two. By age six she was a local swim club champ.

Swimming for the Brandon Blue Wave, she took to the distance freestyle events and at age fourteen, she won the bronze medal in the 800 meter freestyle at the 1994 Rome World Championships. A bit cocky and eager to win, she used the 1995 Pan American Games gold-medal win in the 400m freestyle as a stepping stone to win the 1996 Olympic 800 meter freestyle gold medal which she repeated in 2000 at the Sydney Games. Following in the footsteps of her rival but friend, Janet Evans, it was only the second back-to-back 800m freestyle win in Olympic history just as Janet had done in 1988 and 1992. With a time of 8:19.67, she broke Janet's 12 year old Olympic record in the process.

Brooke Bennett had become one of the world's greatest female distance swimmers. She also won the 400m freestyle gold medal in Sydney and the 800m freestyle gold at the 1998 World Championships. Three of her 13 U.S. National Championships were in the 800m freestyle. All totaled she had three Olympic gold medals from two Olympic Games; a gold, silver and bronze medals from two World Championships; gold and silver medals from one Pan American Games and a silver medal from one World Championships short course.

She was the 1995 USOC Sports Woman of the Year for Swimming. Serious operations on both her shoulders in 2001 limited her participation in ensuing years.



Larry Griswold (USA) 1905-1996

2010 Honor Pioneer Comedy Diver



FOR THE RECORD: KNOWN AS THE WORLD'S GREATEST COMEDY DIVER; PERFORMED IN COMEDY WATER SHOWS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD; COLLABORATED TO INVENT THE TRAMPOLINE; "THE DIVING FOOL" WAS WORLD FAMOUS AS: Acrobat, Diver, Inventor, Author, Coach and Teacher.

The land-locked State of Iowa had a knack for producing aquatic competitors in the first half of the 20th century. Famous for its swimmers, Olympic champion Wally Ris and coach Dave Armbruster, divers Lyle Draves and Kent Ferguson and synchronized swimmer Beulah Gundling, non the least was Larry Griswold, a 1932 graduate of the University of Iowa and a four varsity letterman in diving, wrestling, track and field and gymnastics. With these talents, he became known as the greatest water show performer of all time and the "Diving Fool" could make easy stunts look difficult and difficult stunts look easy. He performed his slap-stick diving act everywhere from county fairs to the Moulin Rouge in Paris, two Worlds Fairs and even command performances for royalty.

In 1933, he initiated the first annual Iowa Circus featuring tumbling, bicycle racing, roller hockey, tap dancing, flying rings, tight wire, clowning, teeter board and more. He could do all the stunts. His forty-two foot high trapeze and "Drunken Clown" acts stole the show. He performed in the 1937 Water Follies and 1939 World's Fair for Billy Rose. He was soon billed as the "World's Greatest Comedy Diver".

In 1934, he collaborated with George Nissen to invent the trampoline and take his act on vaudeville. In 1945, a sinus problem made it impossible for him to continue his water act, so he used the trampoline in place of the pool. Venues found it easier to accommodate a trampoline than a pool and he landed major TV shows - Frank Sinatra, Jackie Gleason and Ed Sullivan.



Over the years the "Clown Prince of the Diving Board" suffered a broken neck, pelvis, torn biceps, knee injuries and more forcing him to retire in 1973, a stellar 45 years of performances.

Maria Kiseleva (RUS)

2010 Honor Synchronized Swimmer

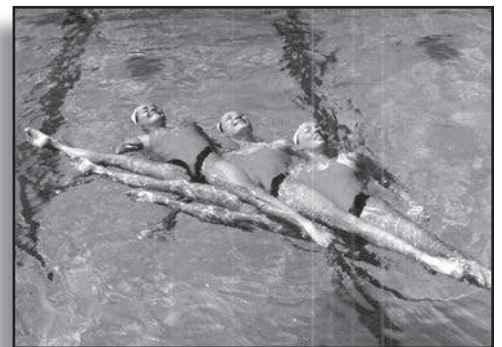
FOR THE RECORD: 2000 OLYMPIC GAMES: gold (duet, team); 2004 OLYMPIC GAMES: gold (team); 1998 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: gold (duet, team), 2003 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: gold (team); SIX EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS: gold 1993, 2000, 2004 (team), 1995, 1997, 1999 (duet, team); 1995 FINA WORLD CUP: bronze (duet, team), 1997, 1999 WORLD CUP: gold (duet, team); 1996 EUROPEAN CUP: silver (team), 1998 EUROPEAN CUP: gold (duet, team), 2003 EUROPEAN CUP: gold (team), silver (duet); 1998 GOODWILL GAMES: gold (duet, team); MULTIPLE RUSSIAN NATIONAL CHAMPION



At her first Olympic Games in 1996, she and her teammates finished in fourth place in the Team event, the only synchronized swimming event in Atlanta. Soon after Atlanta she joined with Hall of Famer Olga Brusnikina and the pair dominated Duet competitions for the next eight years. From Atlanta to Athens, Maria lost only one competition in Duet and Team and won the 1998 World Championships and World Cup.

At the 2000 Sydney Games, Maria and Olga won Russia's first Olympic gold in synchronized swimming while scoring nine 10's out of a possible ten judges in the final round. They used a karate routine performed to the beat of Japanese drums to defeat a team from Japan. After Sydney, Maria took a two-year break from training and competition, but in 2003 she made a come-back, and again with Olga, won the World Championship Team competition and her third Olympic gold medal in the team event at the 2004 Athens Olympics.

Since 2004 Maria has organized the annual Moscow International Synchronized Swimming Show.



Cornelio Miguel Marculescu Bulfon (ROM)

2010 Honor Contributor



FOR THE RECORD: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF FINA: 1986 - Present; TECHNICAL DIRECTOR OF ROMANIAN SWIMMING FEDERATION: 1970-1980; HONORARY SECRETARY FINA TECHNICAL WATER POLO COMMITTEE: 1978-1980; TECHNICAL DIRECTOR OF ROYAL SPANISH SWIMMING FEDERATION: 1980- 1986; MEMBER ROMANIAN OLYMPIC COMMITTEE: 2000-Present; INTERNATIONAL WATER POLO REFEREE: 1970-1980; MEMBER OF ROMANIAN NATIONAL WATER POLO TEAM PLAYING IN 165 INTERNATIONAL GAMES (1958 to 1970) PLACING FIFTH AT 1964 OLYMPIC GAMES.

In 1986, FINA President Bob Helmick handpicked Cornel to take the helm of a permanent FINA Office in Lausanne. The workload had grown to a point where a professional office staff was needed and Cornel had the capacity to do the work of ten people. He has served as Executive Director with a sense of duty and dedication that has made him one of the busiest people in world sport. The results have been impressive.

He knows what it means to be an athlete, a coach, a referee and a manager – having experienced all of those worlds in water polo. He is a graduate of Bucharest’s Institute of Sport and Physical Education in Romania. He was a member of the Romanian National Water

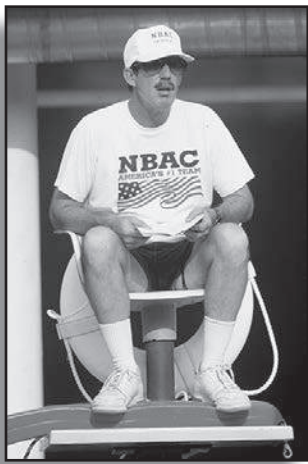
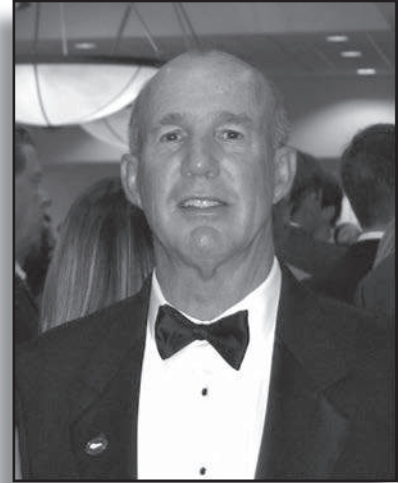
Polo Team, playing in 165 international games finishing 5th at the 1964 Tokyo Olympics. He has taken part in every Olympic Games since Tokyo. He served as a water polo referee for ten years officiating the 1972 Olympic Gold Medal Game Final that ended in a 3-3 tie between Hungary and the Soviet Union.



He speaks fluent English, French, Spanish, Italian, Russian and Romanian. He served as Technical Director of the Romanian Swimming Federation and Honorary Secretary of the FINA Water Polo Committee. In 1980, he was chosen Technical Director of the Spanish Swimming Federation where he hosted the 1986 Madrid World Championships. He has served on FINA’s Development and Marketing Committees. Since 2007, he has been the Coordinator of the Water Polo World League and is FINA’s regular representative at sports forums throughout the world.

Murray Stephens (USA) 2010 Honor Coach

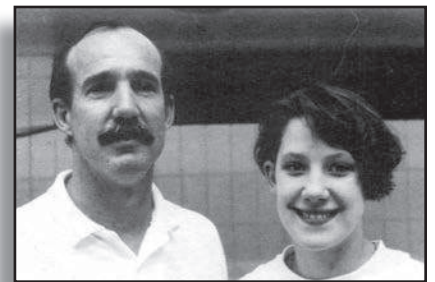
FOR THE RECORD: 1996 OLYMPIC GAMES: Assistant Women's Coach; 1998 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: Assistant Women's Coach; 2000 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS (25M): Head Men's Coach and Chef de Mission; PERSONAL COACH OF 5 USA OLYMPIC TEAM MEMBERS WINNING 5 GOLD, 1 SILVER, AND 1 BRONZE MEDAL; COACH OF SWIMMERS SETTING TWO WORLD RECORDS AND ONE RELAY WORLD RECORD; COACH OF FOUR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP SWIMMERS WINNING 1 GOLD MEDAL; COACH OF EIGHT USA NATIONAL CHAMPIONS WINNING 23 NATIONAL TITLES; MENTOR TO TWO NBAC OLYMPIC COACHES (BOB BOWMAN, PAUL YETTER) WHOSE NBAC SWIMMERS HAVE ADDED 14 GOLD MEDALS, 1 SILVER, AND 4 BRONZE MEDALS AS WELL AS SETTING AN ADDITIONAL 34 WORLD RECORDS; USA AND USOC SWIMMING COACH OF THE YEAR: 1996; INDUCTED INTO THE AMERICAN SWIMMING COACHES ASSOCIATION HALL OF FAME: 2006



In 1968, Murray Stephens co-founded the North Baltimore Aquatic Club which in the eyes of Olympic Coach Mark Schubert became “the best swimming club program in America” rivaling clubs in the Sunbelts of California and Florida. He trained local swimmers and attracted other swimmers to relocate to his facility where he would turn them from good swimmers into great swimmers. Theresa Andrews won the 100m backstroke and medley relay gold medals at the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics. Anita Nall set world records as well as winning gold, silver and bronze Olympic breaststroke medals in 1992 in Barcelona and Beth Botsford won the 1996 Atlanta Olympic 100m backstroke and medley relay gold medals. Due to Murray’s leadership, North Baltimore has had swimmers qualify for each U.S. Olympic Trials since 1968.

He hired assistant coaches with his own philosophy. Theresa Andrews said, “He doesn’t teach you just to swim fast; he teaches you how to think.” He was a high school English teacher, writer and poet - creative in nature. His assistants Bob Bowman, Paul Yetter and others, were mentored in his mold.

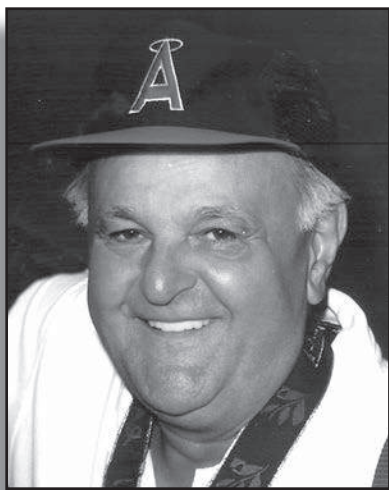
When he was six years old, young Michael Phelps joined the club. Murray’s wife Patty, coached Michael in younger years, then Murray sent him from coach to coach in the club to receive the benefits from each coach’s strengths. Murray created an environment where young Michael could believe that anything was possible through creative goal setting and disciplined work. As Phelps ascended, Murray stepped aside to let Bowman continue the relationship. With Murray’s philosophy and under the direction of Bowman, Michael became the greatest swimmer the world has ever seen. World record holder and Olympic medalist Katie Hoff is also a product of the Stephen’s system.



In 1986, Murray took over Baltimore’s Meadowbrook Pool summer business and built it into a year round Aquatic Center turning it into one of the first financially stable, private facilities in the nation. His international coaching assignments include 1996 Olympic Games and 1998 World Championship Assistant Women’s Coach and 2000 World Championship Short Course Head Men’s Coach. Personally he has coached eight USA National Champions winning 23 titles. Although handing the reins at NBAC to his long-time assistant and friend Bob Bowman in 2009, he continues to mentor swimmers and coaches daily at NBAC, now in his fifth decade of Club coaching.

Tamás Széchy (HUN) 1931-2004

2010 Honor Coach



FOR THE RECORD: COACH OF SWIMMERS WINNING 15 OLYMPIC MEDALS: 8 gold, 4 silver, 3 bronze; COACH OF SWIMMERS WINNING 21 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP MEDALS: 12 gold, 3 silver, 6 bronze; COACH OF SWIMMERS WINNING 30 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP MEDALS: 16 gold, 8 silver, 6 bronze.

In his native Hungary, he was known as “The Swimming Pope”, one of the most productive coaches of his generation, developing Olympic medalists at the Central Sports Club of Budapest for a 25 year period beginning in 1972 with Andras Hargatay winning the bronze medal in the 400m IM at the Munich Olympic Games. Other Olympic medalists he coached include: 1980- Sandor Wladar- gold 200m backstroke; Zoltan Verraszto- silver 200m

backstroke, bronze 400m IM; Alban Vermes –silver 200m breaststroke; 1988- Jozsef Szabo- gold 200m breaststroke; 1988 and 1992 Tamas Darnyi- gold 200m IM, 400m IM; 1992- Norbert Rozsa- silver 100m and 200m breaststroke, gold 1996 200m breaststroke; and Attila Czene- bronze 1992 200m IM, gold 1996 200m IM. Between them, Rozsa and Darnyi, held nine World Records.



To get away from the cold winters in Hungary, his team traveled the world to train in warmer climates. Always wearing his California Angels baseball cap, he compiled a three-macrocycle training program used worldwide consisting of equal months of cross training, quickness and endurance training and competition training. Being a little eccentric his swimmers feared him, but they all trusted him.



At eight World Championships between 1973 and 1998, his swimmers won 12 gold, 3 silver and 6 bronze medals. Széchy’s mark on Hungarian and International Swimming has been indelible. The Alfred Hajos swimming complex on Margaret Island in Budapest is considered one of the finest facilities in the world. It has been renamed the Alfred Hajos- Tamas Széchy Swimming Complex.

Petria Thomas (AUS)

2010 Honor Swimmer

FOR THE RECORD: 1996 OLYMPIC GAMES: silver (200m butterfly); 2000 OLYMPIC GAMES: silver (4x100m medley relay, 4x200m freestyle relay), bronze (200m butterfly); 2004 OLYMPIC GAMES: gold (100m butterfly, 4x100m freestyle relay, 4x100m medley relay), silver (200m butterfly); 1998 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: silver (200m butterfly, 4x100m medley relay), bronze (100m butterfly, 4x200m freestyle relay); 2001 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: gold (100m butterfly, 200m butterfly, 4x100m medley relay); 2002 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS (25m): gold (200m butterfly), silver (100m butterfly, 4x100m freestyle relay), bronze (4x200m freestyle relay); 1994 COMMONWEALTH GAMES: gold (100m butterfly, 4x100m medley relay); 1998 COMMONWEALTH GAMES: gold (100m butterfly, 4x100m medley relay), silver (200m butterfly); 2002 COMMONWEALTH GAMES: gold (50m, 100m, 200m butterfly, 4x100m medley relay, 4x100m freestyle relay); 2002 PAN PACIFIC CHAMPIONSHIPS: gold (200m butterfly, 4x100m medley relay), silver (100m butterfly).



Petria was held in such high regard for her swimming accomplishments that her hometown pool in Mullumbimby, New South Wales was named after her. But her swimming career was a long struggle with many hardships before she was decorated as Australia's greatest Olympic swimmer along with legendary Dawn Fraser and Susie O'Neill. Despite three shoulder injury surgeries and bouts with depression, she won eight Olympic medals in three Olympic Games. Early in her career, she battled Suzie O'Neil and Inge de Bruijn in the butterfly events.

She was 20 years old at her first of three Olympic Games during the 1996 Atlanta Olympics where she won a silver medal in the 200m butterfly. Swimming at the Australian Institute of Sport, she had already had excruciating shoulder problems leading later to two shoulder operations as well as bouts of severe depression from the stress of training and keeping up with school work.

But Petria proved in life to be the champion she was in the pool. She competed in the 1998 Commonwealth Games, winning gold medals, and the 1998 World Championships winning silver medals. At the 2004 Athens Olympic Games she won three gold medals in the 100m butterfly and 4x100m freestyle and medley relays. As the team veteran at age 28 in Athens, when she was just touched out .3 seconds by Poland's Otylia Jędrzejak in the 200m butterfly, a swimmer she had earlier beaten in the 100m butterfly. All totaled, she won eight Olympic medals, seven World Championship long course medals, nine World Championship short course medals, twelve Commonwealth and five Pan Pacific medals. In 2001, she was crowned the AIS Athlete of the Year and the World Pacific Rim Swimmer of the Year as Australia's premier butterfly swimmer. In 2005, she released her autobiography *Swimming Against the Tide*, where she described her career including her experiences with depression.



Franziska van Almsick (GER)

2010 Honor Swimmer



FOR THE RECORD: 1992 OLYMPIC GAMES: silver (200m freestyle, 4x100m medley relay), bronze (100m freestyle, 4x100m freestyle relay); 1996 OLYMPIC GAMES: silver (200m freestyle, 4x200m medley relay), bronze (4x100m freestyle relay); 2000 OLYMPIC GAMES: bronze (4x200m freestyle relay); 2004 OLYMPIC GAMES: bronze (4x100m medley relay, 4x200m freestyle relay); TWO WORLD RECORDS: 200m freestyle; FOUR WORLD RECORDS (25m): 50m freestyle (1), 100m freestyle (2); 200m freestyle (1); 1994 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: gold (200m freestyle), silver (4x200m freestyle relay), bronze (100m freestyle, 4x100m freestyle relay), 1998 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: gold (4x200m freestyle relay), silver (4x100m freestyle relay); 1993 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS: gold (50m freestyle, 100m freestyle, 200m freestyle, 4x100m freestyle relay, 4x200m freestyle relay, 4x100m medley relay), silver (200m butterfly); 1995 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS: gold

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Growing up in Berlin, Germany in the former GDR, “Franzi” loved swimming, joined a team and by the time the Berlin Wall came down in 1989, she was ready to burst onto the international swimming scene.

At age 14, at the 1992 Olympic Games in Barcelona, she was the youngest participant of the re-united German team, and sensationally won the 200m and 100m freestyle silver and bronze medals, as well as silver and bronze medals on Germany’s medley and freestyle relays. She set the 200m freestyle World Record at the 1994 World Championships in Rome, breaking an eight-year record held by Heike Friedrich, the last of the GDR swimmers. She broke her own record in 2002 in Berlin. Overall, her 200m freestyle World Record stood for 13 years until broken by Federica Pellegrini of Italy in 2007. Franziska held the record longer than any other female in that event except for Hall of Fame swimmer Ragenhild Hveger of Denmark from 1938 to 1956.



Competing in another three Olympic Games, she won a total of 10 silver and bronze freestyle medals, the most of any female swimmer until surpassed by Hall of Famer Jenny Thompson (USA) with 12 medals, also in 2004.

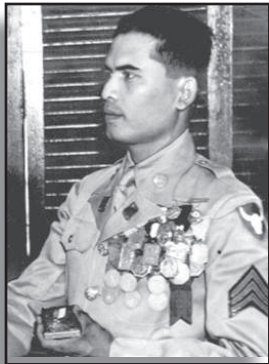
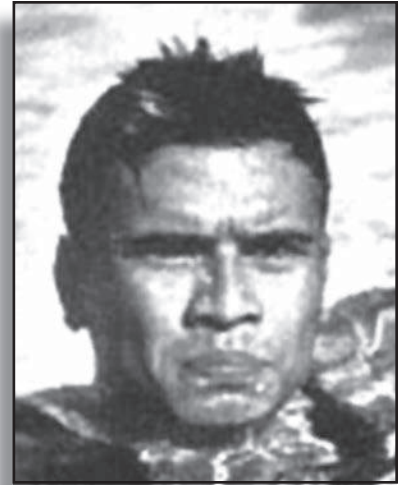
Swimming for SC Dynamo Berlin, she competed at four European Championships between 1993 and 2002 winning 18 gold and silver medals. She is a three-time German Sports Woman of the Year, (1993, 1995, 2002), two-time European Swimmer of the Year and the 1993 World Swimmer of the Year.

Teofilo Yldefonso (PHI) 1903-1942

2010 Honor Pioneer Swimmer

FOR THE RECORD: 1928 OLYMPIC GAMES: bronze (200m breaststroke); 1932 OLYMPIC GAMES: bronze (200m breaststroke); 1936 OLYMPIC GAMES: Competitor (200m breaststroke); 1923, 1927, 1930, 1934 FAR EASTERN GAMES: gold (200m breaststroke); 1929, 1931, 1933, 1935, 1937 PHILIPPINES VS FORMOSA DUAL MEETS: gold (200m breaststroke); ONLY PHILIPPINE ATHLETE TO WIN BACK-TO-BACK OLYMPIC MEDALS AT TWO OLYMPIC GAMES.

Born 1903 in Piddig, Philippines, Teofilo learned to swim by teaching himself in the knee-deep Guisit River near his home. Orphaned at an early age, he and his brothers practically raised themselves. He swam every day in the river and would help the women cross the river and carry the clothes to wash.



Around 1920, he enlisted in the 57th Infantry Regiment of the Philippine Scouts made up of native Filipinos assigned to the U.S. Army's Philippine Department under the command of American officers. It was an honor and privilege to be in the Scouts and sports was an important element to instill exercise, loyalty and pride. As a young soldier, Teofilo gained prominence as a competitive swimmer and swam at various meets in the Region. At the Far Eastern Games of 1923, 1927, 1930, and 1934, he was a standout breaststroke swimmer beating Japan's Hall of Famers Yoshi Tsuruta, Reizo Koike and others. He was invincible at five Philippines vs. Formosa Dual Meets between 1929 and 1937. He competed in the 1928 and 1932 Olympic Games winning the 200m breaststroke bronze medal at both Games. He is the

first Philippine athlete to win an Olympic medal but also the only athlete to date to win back-to-back Olympic medals from his country.

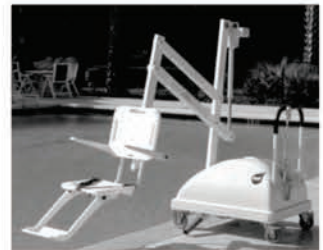
Yldefonso had transformed the breaststroke style of his time by bringing the stroke more to the surface of the water rather than under the water as was more common at that time. European text books called him "The Father of the Modern Breaststroke". Still with no coach but training in the river as well as at military installation swimming pools, he competed in his third Olympics in 1936 Berlin placing 7th in the final of the 200m breaststroke. He was already a family man with four children.



When World War II broke out and Bataan fell to the Japanese in 1942, he was among thousands of Filipino and American soldiers who experienced the infamous Death March to Capas where, at age 39, he died at the Concentration Camp in the arms of his younger brother, Teodoro, a medical corps worker. Interestingly, Yldefonso rose to the rank of lieutenant as did his swimming rival and friend of many years, Yoshi Tsuruta, then an officer in the Japanese army. Upon hearing that Lt. Yldefonso was among the prisoners, Lt. Tsuruta called for his release, but unfortunately too late. It is believed that Yldefonso received word of the release but refused to leave his men.

His legacy as a championship swimmer and war hero will live on forever. A monument of Swimmer/Lieutenant Yldefonso was unveiled in 2006 in the Piddig Municipal Plaza of his hometown.

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1965-2010 Honorees By Country

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ALGERIA (ALG)

Larfaoui, Mustapha (1998) Contributor

ARGENTINA (ARG)

- * Campbell, Jeannette (1991) Swimmer
- * Iglesias, Horatio (2003) Open Water Swimmer
- * Zorrilla, Alberto (1976) Swimmer

AUSTRALIA (AUS)

- Armstrong, Duncan (1996) Swimmer
- * Beaufort, Sir Frank (1967) Swimmer
- * Berry, Kevin (1980) Swimmer
- Carlile, Forbes (1976) Coach
- * Cavill Family (1970) Contributors (6)
- * Charlton, Andrew "Boy" (1972) Swimmer
- Cooper, Brad (1994) Swimmer
- * Cotton, Frank (1989) Pioneer Contributor
- Crapp, Lorraine (1972) Swimmer
- Davies, John (1984) Swimmer
- * Dennis, Clare (1982) Swimmer
- Devitt, John (1979) Swimmer
- * Durack, Fanny (1967) Swimmer
- * Eve, Richmond Cavill (1991) Pioneer Diver
- Ford, Michelle (1994) Swimmer
- Fraser, Dawn (1965) Swimmer
- Gallagher, Harry (1984) Coach
- * Gathercole, Terry (1984) Swimmer
- Gould, Shane (1977) Swimmer
- * Guthrie, Frank (1991) Coach
- * Healy, Cecil (1981) Swimmer
- Henricks, Jon (1973) Swimmer
- * Herford, Sam (1992) Coach
- Holland, Steve (1989) Swimmer
- * Kellerman, Annette (1974) Contributor
- * Kieran, Barney (1969) Swimmer
- Konrads, John & Ilsa (1971) Swimmers
- * Lane, Freddy (1969) Swimmer
- Lawrence, Laurie (1996) Coach
- * Marshall, John (1973) Swimmer
- Neill, Gail (1996) Swimmer
- O'Brien, Ian (1985) Swimmer
- O'Neill, Susan (2006) Swimmer
- Perkins, Kieren (2006) Swimmer
- * Phillips, William Berge (1997) Contributor
- Rose, Murray (1965) Swimmer
- * Steedman, Charles (2000) Pioneer Contributor, GBR/AUS
- Talbot, Don (1979) Coach
- Taylor Smith, Shelley (2008) Open Water Swimmer
- Theile, David (1968) Swimmer
- Thomas, Petria (2010) Swimmer
- * Wallis, C.W. (1986) Pioneer/Contributor
- Watson, Debbie (2008) Water Polo Player
- Wenden, Michael (1979) Swimmer
- * Whitfield, Beverly (1995) Swimmer
- Wickham, Tracy (1992) Swimmer
- Windle, Robert (1990) Swimmer
- * Wylie, Mina (1975) Swimmer

AUSTRIA (AUT)

- * Neumann, Dr. Paul (1986) Pioneer Swimmer
- * Scheff, Otto (1988) Pioneer Swimmer
- * Wahle, Otto (1996) Pioneer Swimmer, AUT/USA

BELGIUM (BEL)

- * Blitz, Gerard (1990) Pioneer Water Polo
- DeBurghraeve, Fred (2008) Swimmer
- * Plentinx, Joseph (1988) Pioneer Water Polo

BRAZIL (BRA)

- * Lenk, Maria (1988) Swimmer

CANADA (CAN)

Baumann, Alex (1992) Swimmer
Bergen, Paul (1998) Coach, USA/CAN
Bernier, Sylvie (1996) Diver
Calkins, Michelle (2001) Synchronized Swimmer

Cameron, Michelle (2000) Synchronized Swimmer
Colwin, Cecil (1993) Contributor, CAN/RSA

- * Corsan, George Sr. (1971) Contributor
- * Davis, Victor (1994) Swimmer
- * Firby, Howard (1985) Coach
- Frechette, Sylvie (2003) Synchronized Swimmer
- Gate, George (1989) Coach
- * Hodgson, George (1968) Swimmer
- Hutton, Ralph (1984) Swimmer
- * MacKellar, Lillian "Billie" (1993) Pioneer Coach/Contrib./Synchro., USA/CAN/NZL
- Muir, Debbie (2007) Synchro Coach
- Nicholas, Cindy (2005) Open Water Swimmer
- Ottensbrite, Anne (1999) Swimmer
- * Seller, Peg (1988) Pioneer Synchro
- Snelling, Deryk (1993) Coach, CAN/GBR
- Tanner, Elaine (1980) Swimmer
- Taylor, June (1991) Pioneer Synchro
- Tewksbury, Mark (2000) Swimmer
- Thierry, Nick (2001) Contributor
- Vanderburg, Helen (1985) Synchro
- Waldo, Carolyn (1994) Synchro

CHINA (CHN)

Gao, Min (1998) Diver
Fu, Mingxia (2005) Diver
Xiong, Ni (2006) Diver
Sun, Shuwei (2007) Diver
Tan, Liangde (2000) Diver
Xu, Yanmei (2000) Diver
Xu, Yiming (2003) Diving Coach
Zhou, Jihong (1994) Diver

CROATIA (CRO)

Bukic, Perica (2008) Water Polo Player
Rudic, Ratko (2007) Water Polo Coach, CRO/ITA/USA/YUG

CZECHOSLOVAKIA (TCH)

Duchkova, Milena (1983) Diver

DENMARK (DEN)

- Andersen, Greta (1969) Swimmer
- * Clausen-Fryland, Stefani (1988) Pioneer Diver
- Harup, Karen (1975) Swimmer
- Hveger, Ragnhild (1966) Swimmer

EGYPT (EGY)

- * Abouheif, Abdellatif (1998) Open Water Swimmer
- * Simaika, Farid (1982) Diver

FRANCE (FRA)

- Boiteux, Jean (1982) Swimmer
- Caron, Christine "Kiki" (1998) Swimmer
- * Cousteau, Jacques-Yves (1967) Contributor
- * Drigny, Emile Georges (1984) Contributor
- * Jany, Alex (1977) Swimmer
- * Minville, Alban (1980) Coach
- * Padou, Henri (1970) Water Polo
- * Taris, Jean (1984) Swimmer
- * Thevenot, Monfieur (1990) Pioneer Contributor

GREAT BRITAIN (GBR)

- Asher, Jane (2006) Masters Swimmer
- * Battersby, Sydney (2007) Pioneer Swimmer
- * Cameron, James Malcolm "Taffy" (2003) Contributor
- * Cooper, M. Joyce (1996) Pioneer Swimmer
- * Cummins, Captain Bert W. (1974) Contributor
- * Derbyshire, "Rob" (2005) Pioneer Swimmer/Water Polo/Coach
- * Fern, Harold (1974) Contributor
- * Fletcher, Jennie (1971) Swimmer
- * Forsberg, Gerald (1998) Pioneer Open Water Contributor
- Grinham, Judy (1981) Swimmer
- * Harding, Phyllis (1995) Pioneer-Swimmer

- * Hatfield, John (1984) Swimmer/Water Polo
- * Hearn, George (1986) Pioneer Contributor
- * Henry, William (1974) Contributor
- * Holman, Frederick (1988) Pioneer Swimmer
- * Jarvis, John (1968) Swimmer
- Lonsbrough, Anita (1983) Swimmer
- * Mann, Matt II (1965) Coach, USA/GBR
- * Moore, Belle (1989) Pioneer Swimmer
- Moorhouse, Adrian (1999) Swimmer
- * Morton, Lucy (1988) Pioneer Swimmer
- Murphy, Kevin (2009) Open Water Swimmer
- * Parrington, Frank (1986) Pioneer Plunger
- * Radmilovic, Paul (1967) Water Polo
- * Rawlinson, Austin (1994) Pioneer Swimmer
- * Smith, Charles (1981) Water Polo
- Snelling, Deryk (1993) Coach, CAN/GBR
- * Steedman, Charles (2000) Pioneer Contributor, Streeter, Alison (2006) Open Water Swimmer
- * Taylor, Henry (1969) Swimmer
- * Thomas, Ralph (2004) Pioneer Contributor
- * Trudgeon, John (1974) Contributor
- * Webb, Captain Matthew (1965) Swimmer
- Wilkie, David (1983) Swimmer
- * Wilkinson, George (1980) Water Polo
- * Wilson, William (2003) Pioneer Contributor

GERMANY & FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY (GER/FRG)

- * Bathe, Walter (1970) Swimmer
- * Bieberstein, Arno (1988) Pioneer Swimmer
- * Brack, Walter (1997) Pioneer Swimmer
- Fassnacht, Hans (1992) Swimmer
- Gross, Michael (1995) Swimmer
- * Gunst, Fritz (1990) Pioneer Water Polo
- * Gunther, Paul (1988) Pioneer Diver
- Happe, Ursula (1997) Swimmer
- * Hoppenberg, Ernst (1988) Pioneer Swimmer
- * Rademacher, Erich (1972) Water Polo/Swimmer
- * Rausch, Emil (1968) Swimmer
- * Ritter, R. Max (1965) Contributor, USA/GER
- * Schrader, Hilde (1994) Pioneer Swimmer
- * Sietas, Erwin (1992) Pioneer Swimmer
- van Almsick, Franziska (2010) Swimmer
- * Walz, Gattlob (1988) Pioneer Diver
- * Zacharias, Georg (2002) Pioneer Swimmer
- * Zurner, Albert (1988) Pioneer Diver

GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC (GDR)

- # Anke, Hannelore (1990) Swimmer
- # Ender, Kornelia (1981) Swimmer
- Hoffman, Falk (1999) Diver
- # Kother, Rosemarie (1986) Swimmer
- Kramer, Ingrid (1975) Diver
- # Krause, Barbara (1988) Swimmer
- Matthes, Roland (1981) Swimmer
- # Metschuck, Caren (1990) Swimmer
- * Otto, Kristin (1993) Swimmer
- # Pollack, Andrea (1987) Swimmer
- # Reinisch, Rica (1989) Swimmer
- # Richter, Ulrike (1983) Swimmer
- # Schneider, Petra (1989) Swimmer
- # Tauber, Ulrika (1988) Swimmer
- # Thumer, Petra (1987) Swimmer

BRITISH GUYANA (GUY)

- * Spence Bros, Walter, Leonard, Wallace (1967) Swimmers

HUNGARY (HUN)

- * Barany, Dr. Istvan (1978) Swimmer
- * Csik, Ferenc (1983) Swimmer
- Darnyi, Tamas (2000) Swimmer
- * Donath, Leo (1988) Pioneer Contributor
- Egerszegi, Krisztina (2001) Swimmer
- Farago, Tamas (1993) Water Polo
- Gyarmati, Andrea (1995) Swimmer
- Gyarmati, Dezso (1976) Water Polo

Gyenge, Valerie (1978) Swimmer
 * Hajos, Alfred (1966) Swimmer
 * Halassy, Oliver (1978) Water Polo
 * Halmay, Zoltan (1968) Swimmer
 Hargitay, Andras (2008) Swimmer
 * Homonnay, Marton (1971) Water Polo
 * Hunyadi, Stefan (1969) Coach, HUN/ITA/USA
 Karpati, Gyorgy (1982) Water Polo
 * Komjadi, Bela (1995) Pioneer Water Polo
 * Lemhenyi, Dezso (1998) Water Polo/Coach/Contributor
 Markovits, Kalman (1994) Water Polo
 Mayer, Mihaly (1987) Water Polo
 * Nemeth, Jano "Jim" (1969) Water Polo
 Novak, Eva & Ilona (1973) Swimmers
 * Rajki, Bela (1996) Contributor
 Rozsa, Norbert (2005) Swimmer
 * Sarosi, Imre (1981) Coach
 Szechy, Tamas (2010) Coach
 Szekely, Eva (1976) Swimmer
 Szivos Jr., Istvan (1996) Water Polo
 * Szivos Sr., Istvan (1997) Water Polo
 Szoke, Katalin (1985) Swimmer

ITALY (ITA)

D'Altrui, Giuseppe (2010) Water Polo
 D'Altrui, Marco (2010) Water Polo
 Cagnotto, Giorgio (1992) Diver
 Calligaris, Novella (1986) Swimmer
 DeMagistris, Gianni (1995) Water Polo
 Dibiasi, Carlo (2006) Pioneer Coach
 Dibiasi, Klaus (1981) Diver
 * Hunyadi, Stefan (1969) Coach, HUN/ITA/USA
 Lamberti, Giorgio (2004) Swimmer
 Lonzi, Gianni (2009) Water Polo, Coach
 * Majoni, Mario (1972) Water Polo
 Pizzo, Eraldo (1990) Water Polo
 Rubini, Cesare (2000) Water Polo

JAPAN (JPN)

Aoki, Mayumi (1989) Swimmer
 * Arai, Shigeo (1997) Pioneer Swimmer
 * Furuhashi, Hironoshin (1967) Swimmer
 * Furukawa, Masaru (1981) Swimmer
 * Hamuro, Tetsuo (1990) Swimmer
 * Hashizume, Shiro (1992) Swimmer
 Katoh, Kouji (2001) Coach
 * Kitamura, Kusuo (1965) Swimmer
 * Kiyokawa, Masaji (1978) Swimmer
 * Koike, Reizo (1996) Pioneer Swimmer
 Kotani, Mikako (2007) Synchronized Swimmer
 * Maehata, Hideko (1979) Swimmer
 * Makino, Shozo (1991) Swimmer
 Matsuzawa, Ikkaku (2009) Coach
 * Miyazaki, Yasuji (1981) Swimmer
 * Murakami, Katsuyoshi (1997) Coach
 Nagasawa, Jiro (1993) Swimmer
 Osaki, Yoshiko (2005) Masters Swimmer
 Taguchi, Nobutaka (1987) Swimmer
 * Takaishi, Katsuo (1991) Pioneer Swimmer
 Tanaka, Satoko (1991) Swimmer
 * Terada, Noboru (1994) Pioneer Swimmer
 * Tsuruta, Yoshiyuki (1968) Swimmer
 Yamanaka, Tsuyoshi (1983) Swimmer
 * Yusa, Masanori (1992) Pioneer Swimmer

MEXICO (MEX)

Capilla, Joaquin (1976) Diver
 Giron, Carlos (2001) Diver
 Munoz, Felipe (1991) Swimmer
 Ostos, Javier (1981) Contributor

NETHERLANDS (NED)

* Braun, Ma (1967) Coach
 * Braun, Marie (1980) Swimmer
 De Bruijn, Inge (2009) Swimmer
 Den Ouden, Willy (1970) Swimmer
 DeWit, Thea (2005) Contributor
 * Kint, Cor (1971) Swimmer
 Kok, Ada (1976) Swimmer
 Kok, Mary (1980) Swimmer
 * Mastenbroek, Hendrika (1968) Swimmer
 * Senff, Nida (1983) Swimmer
 * Stender, Jan (1973) Coach
 Van Feggelen, Iet (2009) Pioneer Swimmer
 Van Vliet, Nel (1973) Swimmer
 Willemsse, Herman (2008) Open Water Swimmer

NEW ZEALAND (NZL)

* MacKellar, Lillian (1993) Pioneer
 Coach/Contrib/Synchro., USA/CAN/NZL
 Loader, Danyon (2003) Swimmer

PERU (PER)

Salinas-Abril, Sebastian (1999) Contributor

PHILIPPINES (PHI)

* Yldefonso, Teofilo (2010) Pioneer Swimmer

ROMANIA (ROM)

Marculescu, Cornelio (2010) Contributor

SOLOMON ISLAND (SOL)

* Wickham, Alick (1975) Contributor

SOUTH AFRICA (RSA)

Colwin, Cecil (1993) Contributor, CAN/RSA
 Harrison, Joan (1982) Swimmer
 Heyns, Penny (2007) Swimmer
 Muir, Karen (1980) Swimmer
 Skinner, Jonty (1985) Swimmer

SPAIN (ESP)

Estiarte, Manuel (2007) Water Polo
 * Picornell, Bernardo (1993) Pioneer Contributor
 * Zolyomy, Andres "Bandy" (2010) Coach ESP, HUN, ITA
 Zubero, Martin Lopez (2004) Swimmer

SURINAM (SUR)

Nesty, Anthony (1998) Swimmer

SWEDEN (SWE)

* Adlerz, Erik (1986) Pioneer Diver
 * Borg, Arne (1966) Swimmer
 * Brandsten, Ernst (1966) Coach, USA/SWE
 * Brandsten, Greta Johanson (1973) Diver
 * Henning, Thor (1992) Pioneer Swimmer
 * Johansson, Hjalmar (1982) Pioneer Diver/
 Contributor
 Knape, Ulrika (1982) Diver
 Larsson, Gunnar (1979) Swimmer
 * Malmrot, Hakan (1980) Swimmer

USA (USA)

Andersen, Terry (1986) Synchro
 * Anderson, Miller (1967) Diver
 * Armbruster, Dave (1966) Coach
 * Arthur, Dr. Ransom (1990) Contributor
 Asmuth, Paul (2010) Open Water Swimmer
 Atwood, Sue (1992) Swimmer
 Babashoff, Shirley (1982) Swimmer
 Babb-Sprague, Kristen (1999) Synchronized Swimmer
 * Bachrach, Bill (1966) Coach
 Ball, Catie (1967) Swimmer
 Barrowman, Mike (1997) Swimmer
 * Bauer, Carl (1967) Swimmer
 * Bauer, Sybil (1967) Swimmer
 Bean, Dawn Pawson (1996) Contributor-Synchro
 Swimmer
 Belote, Melissa (1983) Swimmer
 Bennett, Brooke (2010) Swimmer
 Bergen, Paul (1998) Coach, USA/CAN
 Berkoff, David (2005) Swimmer
 Billingsley, Hobie (1983) Coach/Diver
 Biondi, Matt (1997) Swimmer
 * Blake, Thomas (1992) Pioneer Contributor
 * Bleibtrey, Ethelda (1967) Swimmer
 * Boggs, Phil (1985) Diver
 Bottom, Joe (2006) Swimmer
 * Boyle, Charlotte (1988) Pioneer Swimmer
 * Boyton, Paul (1993) Pioneer Contributor
 * Brandsten, Ernst (1966) Coach, USA/SWE
 * Brauningner, Stan (1972) Coach
 Breen, George (1975) Swimmer
 * Browning, David "Skippy" (1975) Diver
 Bruner, Jayne Owen (1998) Masters Swimmer
 Bruner, Mike (1988) Swimmer
 Burke, Lynn (1978) Swimmer
 Burton, Mike (1977) Swimmer
 Bush, Lesley (1986) Diver
 Bussard, Ray (1999) Coach
 * Cady, Fred (1969) Coach
 Callen, Gloria (1984) Swimmer
 * Cann, Tedford (1967) Swimmer
 Caretto, Patty (1987) Swimmer
 Carey, Rick (1993) Swimmer
 Carr, Cathy (1988) Swimmer
 Caulkins, Tracy (1990) Swimmer
 * Center, George "Dad" (1991) Pioneer Coach
 * Chadwick, Florence (1970) Swimmer
 Chandler, Jennifer (1987) Diver
 * Chavoor, Sherman (1977) Coach
 * Clark, Earl (1972) Diver
 Clark, Steve (1966) Swimmer
 * Cleveland, Dick (1991) Swimmer
 Clotworthy, Robert (1980) Diver
 * Cody, Jack (1970) Coach
 Cohen, Tiffany (1996) Swimmer
 * Coleman, Georgia (1966) Diver
 Cone, Carin (1984) Swimmer
 Costie, Candy (1995) Synchronized Swimmer
 * Counsilman, Dr. James (1976) Coach
 Cox, Lynne (2000) Open Water Swimmer
 * Crabbe, Buster (1965) Swimmer
 Crlenkovich, Helen (1981) Diver
 * Cureton, Thomas (1980) Contributor
 Curtis, Ann (1966) Swimmer
 * Curtis, Katharine (1979) Coach/Synchro
 Daland, Peter (1977) Coach
 Daniel, Ellie (1997) Swimmer
 * Daniels, Charles "Charlie" (1965) Swimmer
 Parr, Flip (2006) Coach
 * Daughters, Ray (1971) Coach
 Dawson, William "Buck" (1986) Contributor
 Dean, Penny (1996) Open Water Swimmer
 * Degener, Dick (1971) Diver
 Demont, Rick (1990) Swimmer
 * Dempsey, Frank (1996) Diver
 * Desjardins, Peter (1966) Diver
 DeVarona, Donna (1969) Swimmer
 Dolan, Tom (2006) Swimmer
 * Dorfner, Olga (1970) Swimmer
 Draves, Lyle (1989) Coach/Diving
 Draves, Vicki (1969) Diver
 * Drysdale, Taylor (1994) Pioneer
 Dyroen-Lancer, Becky (2004) Synchronized Swimmer
 Duenkel, Ginny (1985) Swimmer
 Dunbar, Barbara (2000) Masters Swimmer
 * Ederle, Gertrude (1965) Swimmer
 Edgar, David (1996) Swimmer
 Ellis, Kathy (1991) Swimmer
 Elsener, Patty (2002) Diver
 Emery, Gail (2000) Synchro. Swim Coach
 * Epstein, Charlotte (1974) Contributor
 Evans, Janet (2001) Swimmer
 * Faricy, John (1990) Pioneer Swimmer
 Farrell, Jeff (1968) Swimmer
 * Fauntz, Jane (1991) Pioneer Swimmer/Diver
 Ferguson, Cathy (1978) Swimmer
 * Fick, Peter (1978) Swimmer
 Finneran, Sharon (1985) Swimmer
 * Flanagan, Ralph (1978) Swimmer
 * Ford, Alan (1966) Swimmer
 * Franklin, Benjamin (1968) Contributor
 Freeman, Mary (1988) Coach/Contributor
 * Fullard-Leo, Ellen (1974) Contributor
 Furniss, Bruce (1987) Swimmer
 * Fulton, Patty Robinson (2001) Masters Diver
 Gaines, Rowdy (1995) Swimmer
 * Galligan, Claire (1970) Swimmer
 Gambriel, Don (1983) Coach
 Garatti-Seville, Eleanor (1992) Pioneer Swimmer
 Garton, Tim (1997) Masters Swimmer
 * Gestring, Marjorie (1976) Diving
 * Glancy, Harrison (1990) Pioneer Swimmer
 Gompf, Tom (2002) Contributor
 Goodell, Brian (1986) Swimmer
 * Goodwin, Budd (1971) Swimmer
 Gossick, Sue (1988) Diver
 Graef, Jed (1988) Swimmer
 * Griswold, Larry (2010) Pioneer Comedy Diver
 * Guest, Irene (1990) Pioneer Swimmer
 * Gundling, Beulah (1965) Aquatic Art
 Haines, George (1977) Coach
 Hall, Gary (1981) Swimmer
 Hall, Kaye (1979) Swimmer
 * Handley, L de B. (1967) Coach
 * Handy, Jamison (1965) Contributor
 Hannula, Dick (1987) Coach
 * Harlan, Bruce (1973) Diver
 Harper, Don (1998) Diver
 * Hebner, Harry (1968) Swimmer

- *Heidenreich, Jerry (1992) Swimmer
 Hencken, John (1988) Swimmer
 Henne, Jan (1979) Swimmer
 *Helmick, Bob (2007) Contributor
 *Henning, Dr. Harold (1979) Contributor
 Hickcox, Charles (1976) Swimmer
 *Higgins, John (1971) Swimmer
 *Hoffman, Robert M. (2001) Pioneer Contributor
 *Hogan, Peg (2002) Masters Synchro Swimmer
 Hogshead, Nancy (1994) Swimmer
 *Holiday, Harry (1991) Swimmer
 *Holm, Eleanor (1966) Swimmer
 *Hough, Richard (1970) Swimmer
 Hunt-Newman, Virginia (1993) Pioneer Contributor
 *Hunyadfi, Stefan (1969) Coach, HUN/ITA/USA
 Jager, Tom (2001) Swimmer
 Jastremski, Chet (1977) Swimmer
 Johnson, Gail (1983) Synchro
 Johnston, Graham (1998) Masters Swimmer
 Josephson, Karen & Sarah (1997) Synchro
 *Kahanamoku, Duke (1965) Swimmer
 Kane, Marion (1981) Synchro/Coach
 *Kaufman, Beth (1967) Contributor
 *Kealoha, Warren (1968) Swimmer
 *Kennedy, Edward T. (1966) Contributor
 Kenney, Skip (2004) Coach
 Kiefer, Adolph (1965) Swimmer
 *Kight, Lenore (1981) Swimmer
 Kimball, Dick (1985) Coach/Diver
 King, Micki (1978) Diver
 Kinsella, John (1986) Swimmer
 *Kiphuth, Bob (1965) Coach
 *Kojac, George (1968) Swimmer
 Kolb, Claudia (1975) Swimmer
 Konno, Ford (1972) Swimmer
 Krauser, June F. (1994) Contributor
 *Kruger, Stubby (1986) Pioneer Diver/Swimmer
 *Kuehn, Louis "Hap" (1988) Pioneer Diver
 *Lackie, Ethel (1969) Swimmer
 *Langer, Ludy (1988) Pioneer Swimmer
 *Langner, G. Harold "Gus" (1995) Masters Swimmer
 Larson, Lance (1980) Swimmer
 *Laufer, Walter (1973) Swimmer
 Lee, Dr. Sammy (1968) Diver
 Lemmon, Kelley (1999) Masters Swimmer
 *LeMoyné, Harry (1988) Pioneer Swimmer
 Linehan, Kim (1997) Swimmer
 *Lippman Jr., Bill (1995) Contributor
 *Longfellow, Commodore (1965) Contributor
 *Lord-Landon, Alice (1993) Pioneer Swimmer/Contributor
 Louganis, Greg (1993) Diver
 Lenzi, Mark (2003) Diver
 *Leuhring, Frederick (1974) Contributor
 Lundquist, Steve (1990) Swimmer
 *MacKellar, Lillian (1993) Pioneer Synchro Coach/Contributor, USA/CAN/NZL
 *Madison, Helene (1966) Swimmer
 *Mann II, Matt (1965) Coach, USA/GBR
 Mann, Shelley (1966) Swimmer
 Mann, Thompson (1984) Swimmer
 *Martin, G. Harold (1999) Pioneer Contributor
 *McCaffree, Charles (1976) Contributor
 *McCormick, Glenn (1995) Coach
 McCormick, Kelly (1999) Diver
 McCormick, Pat (1965) Diver
 *McDermott, Michael "Turk" (1969) Swimmer
 *McGillivray, Pery (1981) Swimmer
 McGowan, Judy (2009) Contributor
 McGrath, Margo (1989) Synchro
 McKee, Tim (1998) Swimmer
 McKenzie, Don (1989) Swimmer
 *McKim, Josephine (1991) Pioneer Swimmer
 *McKinney, Frank (1975) Swimmer
 McLane, Jimmy (1970) Swimmer
 Meagher, Mary T. (1993) Swimmer
 *Meany, Helen (1971) Diver
 *Medica, Jack (1966) Swimmer
 Merlino, Maxine (1999) Masters Swimmer
 Meyer, Debbie (1977) Swimmer
 Mitchell, Michele (1995) Diver
 Moe, Karen (1992) Swimmer
 Montgomery, Jim (1986) Swimmer
 Morales, Pablo (1998) Swimmer
 Moriarty, Phil (1980) Coach
 Morris, Pam (1965) Synchro
 *Mowerson, Robert (1986) Coach
 Mueller, Ardeth (1996) Masters Swimmer
 *Muir, Bob (1989) Pioneer Coach
 Mulliken, Bill (1984) Swimmer
 Naber, John (1982) Swimmer
 Nakama, Keo (1975) Swimmer
 Nall, Anita (2008) Swimmer
 Neilson, Sandra (1986) Swimmer
 Nelson, Jack (1994) Coach
 *Neuschaefer, Al (1967) Coach
 Neyer, Megan (1997) Diver
 Nitzkowski, Monte (1991) Coach/Water Polo
 *Norelius, Martha (1967) Swimmer
 O'Brien, Ron (1988) Coach/Diver
 *O'Connor, Wally (1966) Water Polo
 *Olsen, Norma (1998) Pioneer Synchro Contributor
 Olsen, Zoe-Ann (1989) Diver
 O'Rourke, Heidi (1980) Synchronized Swimmer
 *Osipowich, Albina (1986) Pioneer Swimmer
 O'Toole Purcell, Maureen (2010) Water Polo
 Oyakawa, Yoshi (1973) Swimmer
 *Papenguth, Richard (1986) Coach
 *Patnik, Al (1969) Diver
 Pedersen, Susan (1995) Swimmer
 *Pepe, Mike (1966) Coach
 *Pinkston, Betty Becker (1967) Diver
 *Pinkston, Clarence (1966) Coach
 *Pope, Paula Jean Meyers (1979) Diver
 Potter, Cynthia (1987) Diver
 *Poynton, Dorothy (1968) Diver
 Prew, William (1998) Pioneer Swimmer
 *Quick, Richard (2000) Swimming Coach
 *Rawls, Katherine (1965) Swimmer/Diver
 Redmond, Carol (1989) Synchronized Swimmer
 Reese, Eddie (2002) Coach
 Reese, Randy (2005) Coach
 Riggan, Aileen (1967) Swimmer/Diver
 *Riley, Mickey (1977) Diver
 *Riss, Wally (1966) Swimmer
 *Ritter, R. Max (1965) Contributor, USA/GER
 Robertson, Dave (1989) Contributor/Coach
 Robie, Carl (1976) Swimmer
 *Robinson, Tom (1965) Coach
 Roper, Gail (1997) Masters Swimmer
 *Rose, Billy (1995) Pioneer/Contributor
 Ross, Anne (1984) Diver
 *Ross, Clarence (1988) Pioneer Swimmer
 *Ross, Norman (1967) Swimmer
 Roth, Dick (1987) Swimmer
 *Lothammer, Keena (1991) Swimmer
 Rouse, Jeff (2001) Swimmer
 *Ruddy, Joe (1986) Pioneer Water Polo
 *Rude, Ray (1992) Contributor
 Ruiz-Conforto, Tracie (1993) Synchro
 Russell, Doug (1985) Swimmer
 Ruuska, Sylvia (1976) Swimmer
 *Saari, Roy (1976) Swimmer
 *Sakamoto, Soichi (1966) Coach
 Sanders, Summer (2002) Swimmer
 *Sava, Charlie (1970) Coach
 Savery, Jill (2008) Synchronized Swimmer
 *Schaeffer, E. Carroll (1968) Swimmer
 *Schlueter, Walt (1978) Coach
 Schoenfield, Al (1985) Contributor
 Scholes, Clarke (1980) Swimmer
 Schollander, Don (1965) Swimmer
 Schroeder, Terry (2002) Water Polo
 Schubert, Mark (1997) Coach
 Schuler, Carolyn (1989) Swimmer
 Shaw, Tim (1989) Swimmer/Water Polo
 *Sheldon, George (1989) Pioneer Diver
 *Silvia, Charles (1976) Contributor
 *Sitzberger, Ken (1994) Diver
 *Skelton, Robert (1988) Pioneer Swimmer
 Smith, Bill (1966) Swimmer
 *Smith, Caroline (1988) Pioneer Diver
 *Smith, Dick (1979) Coach/Diving
 *Smith, Harold "Dutch" (1979) Diver
 *Smith, Jimmy (1992) Pioneer Water Polo
 *Smith, R. Jackson (1983) Contributor/Diver
 Spitz, Mark (1977) Swimmer
 *Stack, Allen (1979) Swimmer
 Stager, "Gus" (1982) Coach
 Steinseifer, Carrie (1999) Swimmer
 Sterkel, Jill (2002) Swimmer
 Stephens, Murray (2010) Coach
 Stewart, Melvin (2002) Swimmer
 Stickles, Ted (1995) Swimmer
 Stock, Tom (1989) Swimmer
 Stouder, Sharon (1972) Swimmer
 Stover Irvin, Juno (1980) Diver
 *Sundstrom, Gus (1995) Pioneer Coach/Contributor
 *Swendsen, Clyde (1991) Pioneer Diver/ Coach/Water Polo
 *Taft, Ray (1996) Masters Swimmer
 Thornton, Nort (1995) Coach
 Tinkham, Stan (1989) Coach
 Tobian, Gary (1978) Diver
 *Thompson, Jenny (2009) Swimmer
 Treadway, Kenneth (1983) Contributor
 Troy, Mike (1971) Swimmer
 Urbancheck, Jon (2008) Coach
 Val, Laura (2003) Masters Swimmer
 *Vande Weghe, Albert (1990) Swimmer
 *Van Dyken, Amy (2007) Swimmer
 Vassallo, Jesse (1997) Swimmer
 *Verdeur, Joe (1966) Swimmer
 *Vilen, Kay (1978) Synchro/Coach
 Vogel, Matt (1996) Swimmer
 *Vollmer, Herbert "Hal" (1990) Pioneer Swimmer
 Von Saltza, Chris (1966) Swimmer
 *Wahle, Otto (1966) Pioneer Swimmer, AUT/USA
 *Wainwright, Helen (1972) Swimmer/Diver
 Wales, Ross (2004) Contributor
 Walker, Clara Lamore (1995) Masters Swimmer
 Watson, Lillian "Pokey" (1984) Swimmer
 *Wayne, Marshall (1981) Diver
 Wayte, Mary (2000) Swimmer
 Webster, Bob (1970) Diver
 *Wehselau, Mariechen (1989) Pioneer Swimmer
 *Weissmuller, Johnny (1965) Swimmer
 Welshons, Kim (1988) Synchro
 *White, Al (1965) Diver
 Wichman, Sharon (1991) Swimmer
 Wiggins, Albert M. (1994) Swimmer
 Williams, Esther (1966) Contributor
 Wilson, Craig (2005) Water Polo Player
 *Woodbridge, Margaret (1989) Pioneer Swimmer
 Woodhead, Cynthia (1994) Swimmer
 Wrightson, Bernie (1984) Diver
 *Wyland, Wendy (2001) Diver
 Yoryzk, Bill (1971) Swimmer
- USSR/URS/RUS/EUN**
 Barkalov, Alexei (1993) Water Polo
 Brusnikina, Olga (2009) Synchro
 *Dolgushin Ivanovich, Alexander (2010) Water Polo
 Kabanov, Aleksandr (2001) Water Polo
 Kaciusyte, Lina (1998) Swimmer
 Kalinina, Irina (1990) Diver
 Kiseleva, Maria (2010) Synchronized Swimmer
 Pankratov, Denis (2004) Swimmer
 Poliansky, Igor (2002) Swimmer
 Popov, Aleksandr (2009) Swimmer
 Prozumenshikova, Galina (1977) Swimmer
 Sadovyi, Evgeni (1999) Swimmer
 Sahnikov, Vladimir (1993) Swimmer
 Sharanov, Evgeny (2003) Water Polo
 Vaitsekhovskaia, Elena (1992) Diver
 Vasin, Vladimir (1991) Diver
- YUGOSLAVIA (YUG)**
 Bjedov, Djurdica (1987) Swimmer
 Jankovic, Zoran (2004) Water Polo
 *Jezic, Zdravko (2010) Water Polo
 Kovacic-Ciro, Zdravko (1984) Water Polo
 Milanovic, Igor (2006) Water Polo Player
 Sandic, Mirko (1999) Water Polo Player
- * Deceased
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1983



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President, Swimmer

1985



Capt. David McCampbell
U.S. Congressional
Medal
of Honor, Diver

1986



Willard Garvey
Entrepreneur, Swimmer

1987



Ronald Reagan
U.S. President, Swimmer

1988



Fred M. Kirby II
Industrialist, Swimmer

1989



James E. "Doc" Counsilman
Educator, Swimmer

1990



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T.V. Spokeswoman, Swimmer

1991



Andrew Young
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1992



Paul Tsongas
U.S. Senator, Swimmer

1993



Jim Moran
Entrepreneur, Swimmer

1994



Buddy Ebsen
Entertainer, Swimmer

1995



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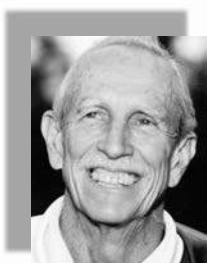
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Medal of Honor,
Entrepreneur, Swimmer

1997

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Rogers "Tiger" Holmes
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1998



James Whelan
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1999



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Exec. Producer,
Baywatch Hawai'i,
Swimmer

2000



Sandra Baldwin
U.S. Olympic Committee
President, Swimmer

2001



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Committee, Swimmer

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Nat'l Swimming
Champion, Movie
Actress

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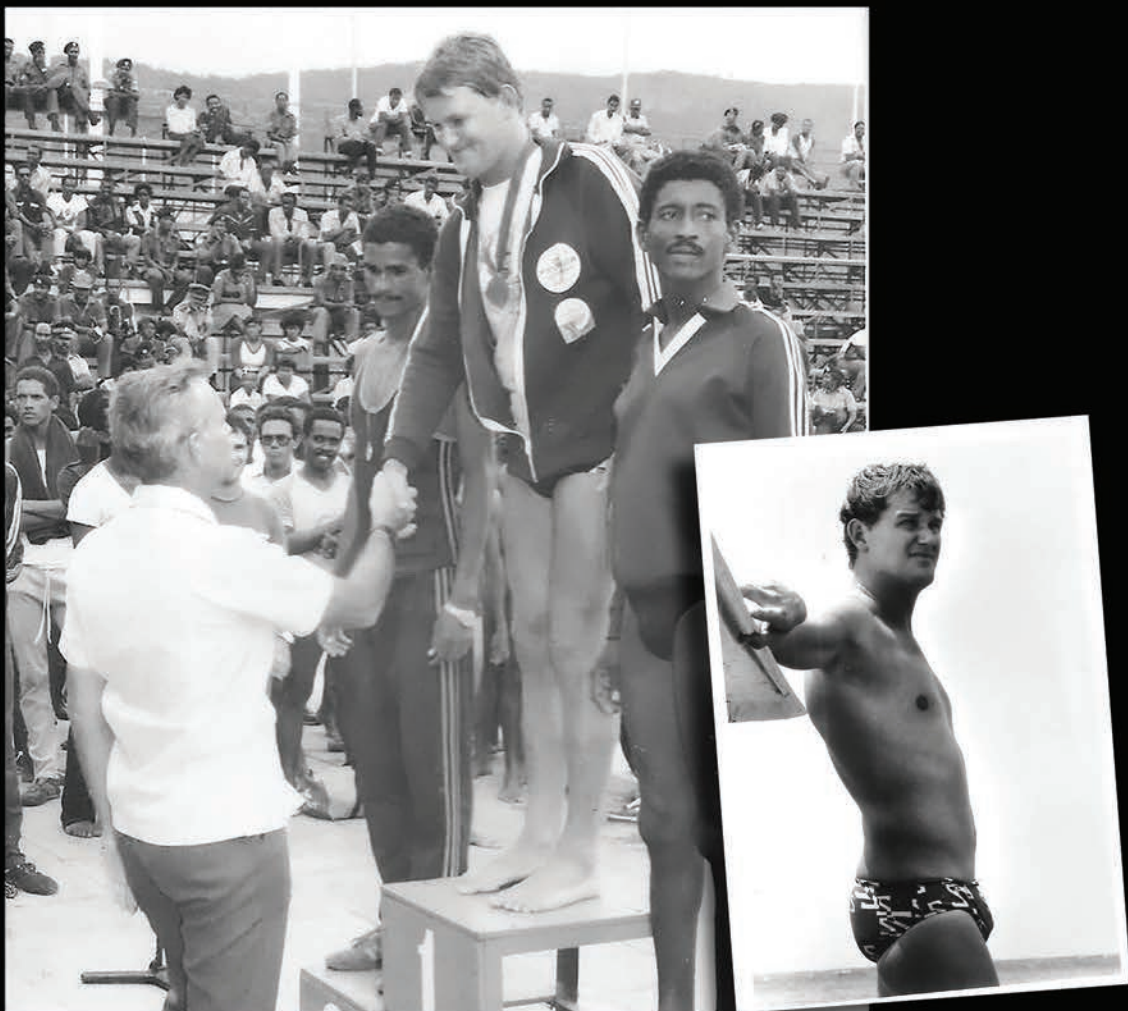
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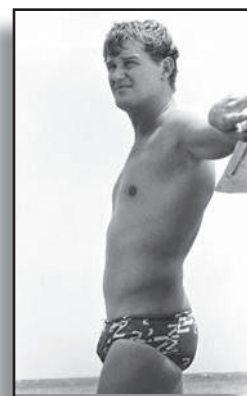
Dr. Guy Harvey (JAM)

Artist, Marine Biologist / 2010 Gold Medallion



A 10th generation Jamaican of English heritage, Guy Harvey grew up in Jamaica loving the ocean and spending many hours fishing and diving with his father along the Island's south coast. He was obsessed with the creatures of the sea. Their beauty and uniqueness impressed young Guy to where he began drawing their pictures sparking interest in their preservation. But, rather than pursuing an artistic education, Guy opted for a scientific education and earned high honors in Marine Biology at Aberdeen University in Scotland. He was on the University swim and water polo teams for four years from 1973 to 1977, serving as swim team captain for two years, and president of the Scottish Universities Swimming Association in 1977. He swam every freestyle event from 100 meters to 1500 meters. In both 1976 and 1977 his team placed second in the British Universities annual swimming championship.

Guy returned home to Jamaica in 1977 to begin work on his PhD in Fisheries Management at the University of the West Indies in Kingston. He continued swimming and playing water polo for Jamaica's national team. In 1985, Guy depicted Ernest Hemingway's famous fishing story "*The Old Man & the Sea*" through a series of 44 original pen and ink drawings and displayed them at an exhibition in Jamaica. Based on the positive response he received at the show, he began painting full time. Today, his art is routinely reproduced on canvas, fine art prints, posters and books as well as merchandise.



The theme of his drawings is to bring attention to the need for fish conservation, to promote catch and release programs and to use the drawings to educate the public to protect these endangered sea creatures. He began taking under water photographs, using the photos as guides to painting fish. He has become a scientist, diver, angler, photographer, explorer and educator all in the name of conservation.



Guy Harvey's *Portraits from the Deep* is a syndicated television series that combines the showcasing of sport fishing destinations with educational information from marine scientists.

The Guy Harvey Ocean Foundation and the Guy Harvey Research Institute at Nova Southeastern University are designed to inspire and conduct research to save the world's fish resources.

Working from his studio in the Cayman Islands, the *Guy Harvey Magazine* is a publication promoting fish conservation through his art.

Guy Harvey's *Portraits from the Deep* is a large-format coffee-table book. *Santiago's Finest Hour*, is an illustrated depiction of the protagonist Santiago's fight with a fish in the Ernest Hemingway novella "*The Old Man and the Sea*".

Harvey's name is also associated with a chain of restaurants called "Guy Harvey's Island Grill" with five locations in Florida, Alabama and the Cayman Islands.

Guy captures marine wildlife in their natural environment with extraordinary detail and brilliant colors. His artwork can be found in stores, galleries, restaurants, doctor's offices, living rooms and at fishing tournaments. His natural gift to recreate marine life has propelled him from Professor of Marine Biology to a Wildlife Artist and Photographer.

Tamás Gyárfás

2010 Al Schoenfield Media Award

The Al Schoenfield Media Award is dedicated to the memory and legacy of Al Schoenfield, the publisher and editor of Swimming World Magazine whose life was a commitment to the promotion of swimming.

For nearly 40 years, Tamás Gyárfás has been a professional journalist writer, author, publisher, television producer, volunteer and sport administrator. He was introduced to the world of sport through water polo and sport became his passion and profession. He began reporting on swimming in 1972 as head columnist for Nepsport. In the late 1970's through the early 1990's he served as editor of *International Swimming and Water Polo Magazine*. Since 1989 has been owner and President of Hungary's NAP TV and publisher of *Sport Plusz Newspaper*. He has been Editor in Chief of *LEN Magazine* and is presently Editor in chief of the *FINA Aquatics World Magazine*.



Tamas has served with distinction as the General Secretary of the International Sports Journalists Association from 1993 to 1997. Among the many administrative positions he currently holds are - President of the Hungarian Swimming Federation, Vice President of the Hungarian Olympic Committee, Vice President of LEN, Chairman of the Organizing Committee for the 2010 European Swimming Championships and Member of the FINA Bureau. He has received the Knight's Cross of the Hungarian Republic, the Award of the Hungarian Olympic Order and was twice voted Sportleader of the Year by the Hungarian Sports Association.

The International Swimming Hall of Fame is honored to recognize Tamás Gyárfás as this year's recipient of the Al Schoenfield Media Award.

Marcus Koch

2010 ISHOF Service Award

Computer Wiz, Marcus Koch, has been keeping ISHOF's antiquated computer system alive and most of the time, well. Computer crashes, email failures or internet malfunctions, Marcus is on-call to retrieve information and ease ISHOF's concerned staff. He also helps with ISHOF's special events and activities.

When not volunteering at ISHOF Marcus represents the interests of investors in building corporations in diverse industries and various countries around the globe. He has gained an extensive experience in international commerce and a vast understanding of intercultural communications by actively representing the international business development interests of clients in Europe, Africa, Asia, and North America. His career also includes experience in the establishment of international marketing programs, public relations, consulting on economic development projects for private sector clients and governments, and the establishment of business incubator programs to facilitate new market entry strategies and tactics.



Marcus majored in International Business and graduated magna cum laude with numerous awards for outstanding academic achievements. In 2008, he was awarded the Chairman of the Year Award by Greater Fort Lauderdale Sister Cities International.

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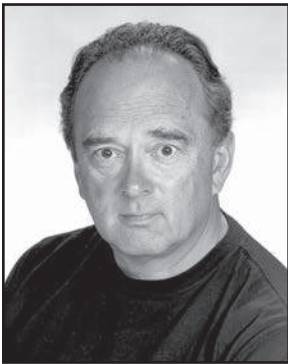
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John Leonard (USA)

2010 Paragon Award – Competitive Swimming

Since 1985, John Leonard has been the Executive Director of the American Swimming Coaches Association in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Under Leonard’s leadership, the Association has grown from 1600 to 6,500 members. He has helped develop educational programs and services that include 26 different types of coaching schools, a Certification program that has certified over 11,000 coaches in 24 years and a model national learn to swim school in SwimAmerica which has taught over 3.4 million American youngsters to swim. He has turned the ASCA into an advocacy force that is respected world-wide. Throughout his career, Leonard has been an active coach in Syracuse, NY, developing national finalists and a 1976 Olympian while building an 800 member swim team, Lake Forrest College and Swim Team in Illinois

and various teams in Florida.

In 1988, John was a founder of the World Swimming Coaches Association and continues to serve on the Organization’s Board. He received the USA Athletes Appreciation Award in 1996, for his strong anti-doping actions in world sport; the Collegiate/Scholastic Trophy from NISCA in 2005, for his contributions to swimming; one of the 25 Most Influential People in all of Aquatics, by Aquatics International magazine; and one of the ten most influential people in USA Swimming by Swimming World magazine. He serves on multiple committees for USA Swimming, including the Olympic International Operations and International Relations Committees, and is a member of the FINA International Coaches Commission. He has served on 18 USA National Team Staffs and at seven Olympic Games. He has served as Chairman of the United States Swimming Steering Committee for the USA Olympic Team in Swimming.

An accomplished writer and editor, Leonard has authored over 1000 articles on swimming, written four books and edited three others, in addition to making clinic presentations in 26 countries. He regularly provides presentations from groups ranging from swimming parents and coaches to sports administrators. John has led the ASCA in Advocacy of multiple issues having significantly influenced the fight against doping in sport, and the creation of a Coaches Commission within FINA. In 2008 and 2009, John led the successful effort to modify the FINA rules about swimwear that resulted in the removal of the “Technical Suits” from the world stage.



Janice Rude (USA)

2010 Paragon Award – Competitive Diving

When her father, Hall of Famer Ray Rude, founder of the Duraflex Diving Board, was nearing retirement Jan stepped in to work at his side learning the business and applying the drive to perfection her father practiced. Ray's discovery of the Duraflex Board in 1959 made it the diving board of preference and has been used in every Olympic Games since 1960.

A graduate of Occidental College in immuno-hematology, she was pursuing a medical career until she began working with her dad. She loved the business and it was a perfect fit for Duraflex as her understanding of chemistry quickly translated to metallurgy. She spoke the language of the Alcoa scientists who worked closely with her to improve the alloy Duraflex used. Her ability to work with different scientists, engineers and machinists allowed Duraflex not only to survive after her father’s departure, but to flourish.

Although not visible to the casual eye, she has spearheaded subtle changes and improvements to all of the Duraflex equipment which is used exclusively in the competitive diving world. As a monopoly supplier, most of the improvements were not required, but her desire to constantly improve the safety and performance of Duraflex products has been very beneficial to diving.

Now as the company CEO, Jan has taken Duraflex to the next level, utilizing more computerized technology and upgrading the factory as it headed into the twenty first century. She gives credit to her “team” of experts. Because of Jan Rude's many skills and the pursuit of excellence her father taught her, Duraflex International continues to provide the best high – performance diving boards on which the world of diving has come to know and rely. Her participation on the Raymond C. Rude Foundation further shows her unwavering support to competitive diving.



Eugenio Martinez Ginoris (CUB)

2010 Paragon Award – Water Polo

During the 2009 FINA Congress held in Rome, Eugenio was elected to the FINA Bureau. But his involvement in water polo goes back many years.

At age ten, he started swimming at Cubanaleco Club in Havana attending the National Swimming Championships from 1957-1959.

As member of the Cuban National Swimming team, he represented his country at the IX Central American and Caribbean Games in Jamaica, 1962. He joined Cuba's Water Polo National Team competing at the 1966 X Central American and Caribbean Games in Puerto Rico,

1967 Pan American Games in Winnipeg, 1968 Pre-Olympics of Mexico and several Water Polo Championships in Europe and America.

Since 1969, Martínez has been a technical trainer for water polo providing assistance as in 1988 serving as trainer of the Kuwait National Water Polo Team. In 1970, Martínez earned the title of FINA International Water Polo Referee. In 1974, he passed the first FINA classification for categories A, B and C with only eight referees worldwide in the A category.

As a FINA international referee, Martínez participated in six Olympic Games (1972, 1976, 1980, 1984, 1992 and 1996) also attending three Olympic Games as Member of FINA Technical Water Polo Committee (2000, 2004, 2008). He also attended 10 Pan American Games, 10 Central American and Caribbean Games, 6 World University Games and 4 South American Games.

In 1996 during the Olympic Games in Atlanta, Martinez was awarded the FINA Silver Pin and in Athens 2004, the International Association of Water Polo Referees (AIA) named him an Honorary Member.

Due to the FINA Development and Olympic Solidarity Program, and under the sponsorship of ODEPA Solidaridad Panamericana, Martinez has been a guest speaker in many conferences, seminars and lectures in more than 30 countries.



Safeya "Sohpie" Ahmed Sarwat (EGY)

2010 Paragon Award – Synchronized Swimming

Born in Egypt, Sophie Sarwat dedicated over fifty-five years of her life for women's sport in Egypt, Africa, and worldwide. She was a maverick, the first Egyptian women to start a business in Egypt (hairdressers shop for ladies) which explains her unique desire to promote and represent women in sport.

As a competitor, she was the Egyptian national swimming, diving, and tennis champion and a member of her basketball, handball, squash, and bridge teams. But her main love was synchronized swimming, which she established and nurtured in Egypt. As early as 1952, she became the volunteer coach for synchro at the Heliopolis Sporting Club bringing teams from the USA,

Germany, and Japan to compete in her country. Beginning in 1980, she became the chair of Egypt's TSSC and served on the Egyptian Swimming Federation from 1980-1996. She became a member of the FINA TSSC from 1982 to 1984. She was Chair of the CANA and COMEN TSSC and in 1987 organized FINA Cup Egypt. To expand her knowledge, she attended FINA Synchro judging clinics in four countries and was soon presenting lectures on the sport in countries throughout the Mediterranean and Asia regions including Russia, Iran, and Greece. As a coach, she was able to take a team of Egyptian swimmers abroad for the first time (1964). In 2001, she became Chair of the International Affairs of the Egyptian Olympic Committee. She received the FINA Gold and Silver Awards and an appreciation from the IOC.

Her efforts to promote synchronized swimming are not only witnessed in Egypt, but she has also helped South Africa, Algeria, and Iran to establish the sport. She is a role model for many Egyptian women in whom she has instilled the concept of giving and sharing and above all, the ideals of the Olympic spirit. She is well known for her determination and fighting spirit when it comes to women's sport.

Sophie died in October of 2009, before she received this recognition. She is a legend in her own country.



Steven Becker (USA)

2010 Paragon Award – Recreational Swimming

As Director of Health and Wellness Services for the Jewish Community Center Association of North America, Steven Becker serves as a resource for more than three hundred and fifty JCC, YM-YWHA and camp sites in the United States and Canada. Becker provides the guidance to help develop personnel to programmatically as well as professionally to become the aquatic leaders with in their communities.

Steve has partnered with aquatic insurance experts, The Redwoods Group, to provide risk management training jointly for JCCs and YMHAs in order to help both organizations create a safer aquatic environment and culture.

Prior to working with the JCC Association, Steve was the fitness and aquatics director at the Marcus JCC of Atlanta, Georgia for four years, and the Westside JCC in Los Angeles, California for fifteen years. In LA, he was the high school swim coach for four-time Olympic gold medalist Lenny Krayzelburg, as well as coach of the U.S. Junior Swim Team in the Pan-Am Maccabi and the World Maccabi Games. He is currently working with Krayzelburg to implement a revolutionary new learn-to-swim method for JCCs in the US and Canada to help those JCCs provide a unique niche in the aquatic community.

As a Masters swimmer, Steven won his age group for the 2006 Alcatraz Challenge, which included a one and a half mile swim from Alcatraz to Chrissie Field. He is a graduate of UCLA, with a teaching credential in Education.



B. Christmas Brewster (USA)

2010 Paragon Award – Water Safety

Chris Brewster began his lifesaving career as a lifeguard on the beaches of San Diego, California in 1979 and has grown over the past thirty years to become one of the world's most influential promoters of beach and open water safety. His passion for lifesaving education has caused him to serve in leadership capacities on numerous lifesaving and water safety organizations including President of United States Lifesaving Association (USLA), Americas professional association of beach lifeguards charged with reducing the incidence of death and injury by drowning. Through Brewster's initiatives and planning, the Lifeguard Agency Certification Program, the Lifeguard Agency Response Team Program and the USLA National Lifeguard Championships were designed and implemented to help the professional lifeguard

be more prepared and effective.

Chris serves as Vice President of the International Lifesaving Federation, the world's international organization of lifesavers and as President of the Americas Region, where he oversees ILF activities throughout the western hemisphere including North, South, and Central America, the Caribbean, and Hawaii. He is lifeguard Chief (retired) of the San Diego Lifeguard Service and Harbor Master with an annual budget of \$10 million with two hundred forty employees. He has authored, co-authored or edited over twenty one written articles, bills or papers; presented over twenty four lectures and presentations in seven countries; given over twenty five media appearances; and attended or presided over one hundred thirty meetings, seminars, and events around the world.

As author of the "USLA Manuel of Open Water Lifesaving", he has initiated the US National Certification Program for Beaches and served as Chair of the National Certification Committee. His website is www.lifesaver1.com.

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Daniel Zylberberg, Ph.D.

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Daniel Zylberberg is a clinical psychologist in Paris, France. He works with children in a psychiatric hospital and teaches infant psychology at the Medical University of Paris XIII.

In the early 1980's he established an experimental babies swimming program using his training as a clinical psychologist. France had few such programs and awareness of their benefits. He conducted research focused on observing the natural and spontaneous behaviors in infants while participating in an aquatic classroom environment. With friends, doctors, teachers and students, programs were established at additional aquatic centers and were well received.

Zylberberg has been a leader in educating teachers and program directors as they establish and operate infant aquatic programs. In 1974 he was a leader in the founding of the French FAAEL (Awakening and Leisure Aquatic Federation). Today there are over 1000 aquatic centers throughout France with baby programs and many times more certified baby swimming teachers. Daniel was the French delegate and a lecturer at the 2nd World Aquatic Babies Congress (WABC) in Los Angeles in 1993 speaking on integrating babies with disabilities into aquatic programs. He spoke at the 3rd WABC in Melbourne (1995) on making curriculum more physically active and enriching as well as the 4th Congress in Oaxaca, Mexico (1997) on the researched benefits of babies being active in the unique environment water provides.

Zylberberg was the moderator and lead organizer of the 5th WABC Conference in Toulouse, France (1999) - attended by over 500 professionals from 27 countries. He has consulted on teacher training programs in Italy with the WISP, in Spain with the SEAE, and in Argentina with FAEP - all national swim teacher education organizations. He has lectured in Norway, Finland and Germany.

Daniel is the author of numerous books and articles. "The Babies in the Pool" (title translated in English) has been translated also into Japanese and "The Ages of Swimming" (translation) is published in French and Italian. He has been seen on numerous French television programs featuring swimming babies. Since 2008, Zylberberg has served as expert advisor to the French Swimming Federation's special commission on baby and children learn to swim programs.

He has been inspired by Dr. Maria Montessori's learning philosophies and theories including the importance of teachers and parents working to shape the learning environment and help the baby or child do things for themselves. Daniel's approach encourages spontaneous behavior and positive interaction between babies, young children and their parents.

Tim Dahlberg / Mary Ederle Ward / Brenda Greene

AMERICA'S GIRL - The Incredible Story of How Swimmer Gertrude Ederle Changed the Nation
2010 Buck Dawson Authors Award

In 1926 when women were confined to housekeeping, cooking, and home-making, Gertrude Ederle did the unthinkable – she swam across the English Channel from France to England touching the pebble beach in darkness after 14 hours 39 minutes in icy water. Only four men had completed the swim since Mathew Webbs' crossing in 1875 and Trudy's time was one hour 45 minutes faster than any of them. Her English Channel feat so thrilled America and the world that two million people welcomed her home to New York City with a ticker-tape parade.

America's Girl is an intimate look at the life and trials of this remarkable woman. This fascinating portrait follows Ederle from her early days as a competitive swimmer through her gold-medal triumph at the 1924 Olympics and on to her first attempt the next year to swim from France to England in frigid and turbulent water.



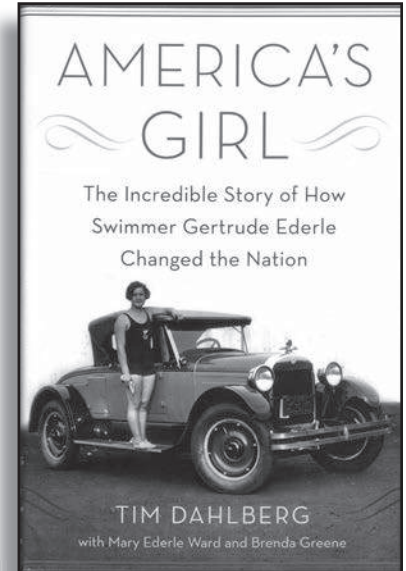
Buck Dawson with Gertrude Ederle in 1994.

This is also a stirring look at the go-go era of the 1920's, when the country was about to recognize that women not only could vote but could compete in athletics on an international scale. At the height of Prohibition, Ederle's triumph over the formidable Channel was a victory for women everywhere.

America's Girl immerses readers in a pivotal period of American history and brings to life the spirit of that time.

“Gertrude Ederle was America's girl, and her saga, as told so comprehensively and thoughtfully by Tim Dahlberg, is the story of all-America then-growing up in the great, swelling joy of the Roaring Twenties, then living through the horrible, despairing letdown of the Depression. It's the particular tale of a swimmer and a pioneer female athlete, but its bittersweet resonances touch a whole era and its people.”

– *Frank Deford, legendary writer for Sports Illustrated, author, and sports commentator*



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Ruth Ann Hood Wieser, Ph.D.

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Dr. Ann Wieser is recognized for her contributions to aquatic therapy and rehabilitation and to adapted aquatics. She used her background as a Red Cross Instructor Trainer, Adapted Aquatics Faculty, and her Ph.D. in Education along with her desire to help others and used them to originate and implement one of the first university undergraduate aquatic therapy professional preparation programs in the United States. During this first 1999-2000 school year, over twenty five students enrolled in the unadvertised major at the University of North Carolina, Greensboro, one of the first university undergraduate programs in the United States. A strong advocate for the aquatic therapy industry, she continues to sponsor one of very few adapted aquatic instructional credentialing programs in the nation.



As an active and vocal member, she served on the Aquatic Therapy and Rehabilitation Standards Committee setting guidelines for the industry, the Water Safety for Therapy and Rehabilitation Practitioners Committee making therapists and their patients safer in the water. Additionally, she was on the Guidelines and Operating Criteria for Aquatic Therapy Pools Committee working to make warm water pools safer for all users.

Dr. Wieser also conducts peer reviews for *The Aquatic Therapy Journal*. She mentors aquatic therapy students to become national presenters, write for publication, and to become excellent aquatic therapists.

During her long-standing involvement in aquatics for individuals with special needs, she has provided workshops and demonstrations at national conferences and conventions in the academic and the aquatic worlds. Ann is a member of the AAHPERD/AAALF Aquatic Council and the Adapted Aquatics Specialty Committee. Developing standards for any national program is a very difficult task, second only to administering those standards. Dr. Wieser plays a significant role in both.

Ann's involvement in aquatics began almost fifty years ago when she began teaching swimming in the early 1960's. By 1980, as the High Point, North Carolina YMCA Aquatics Director, she initiated both Special Needs and Special Olympics programs for the High Point City Schools. Moving to Greensboro in 1985, she began similar programs in the city and at the university. In 2000, she received the Aquatics Therapy Professional of the Year Award.



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Russell “Rusty” Owens

2010 G. Harold Martin Award

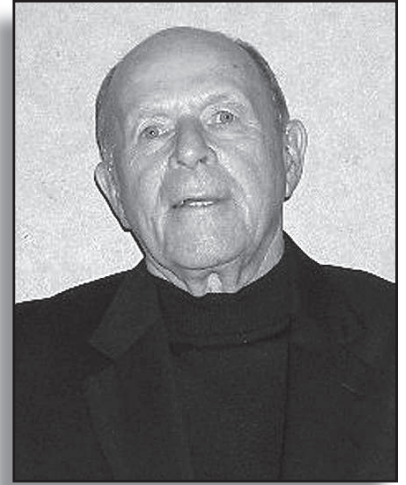
The G. Harold Martin Award is presented annually to a recipient who has demonstrated long and exceptional leadership, insight and dedication to the water safety of children and the cause of making “Every Child A Swimmer”.

For the past fifty years, “Rusty” Owens has taught and coached swimming to generations of families, including thousands of children and adults in the Central Pennsylvania, Harrisburg area. Recognized by his gravelly voice, he has become a larger than life figure to those lives he has touched, infusing in them his passion for swimming.

When in the military, his swimming career arose from a tragic event that occurred at Parris Island, South Carolina in the mid 1950’s, when a marine drill instructor led a platoon of recruits into a swamp during a nighttime training maneuver. During that exercise, several recruits drowned igniting the Marines to assemble their finest swimming instructors to put together an aquatics learn-to-swim and training program. Rusty was one of the instructors chosen and his passion for teaching swimming was awakened.

Discharged from the Marines, he returned home to Harrisburg where he started teaching swimming lessons at the local YMCA, eventually coaching the local swimming team. He taught his little preschooler “puffins” to swim and provided the fundamental foundations to Olympians Anita Nall (1992 Olympic gold, silver, and bronze medalist in breaststroke) and Jeremy Linn (1996 Olympic breaststroke silver medalist). He has coached at all levels including AAU teams in the Hershey and Harrisburg area, high school teams, summer swim clubs and local Division III colleges. Equally admirable was his ability to create a “learn to swim” program for inner city children in the Harrisburg School District in the early 1970’s. Rusty would drive around town picking up his beginner swimmers to bring them to the pool for lessons.

Rusty’s proudest moments have not been starting off world class swimmers, but developing world class individuals. Taking an awkward, fearful youngster, struggling to take a few strokes and molding he or she into a self-confident streamlined swimmer and worthy citizen has been his forte.



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Aleksey Akatyev (RUS)

Swimmer

Aleksey Akatyev (also spelled as Alexei Akatiev) serves ably as the national team coach of open water swimming after his successful athletic career where he was the first successful Russian marathon open water swimmer to make the transition from a world-class pool swimmer to a world-class open water swimmer.

After competing at the 1996 Atlanta Olympics in Atlanta in the 400 meters and 1500 meters freestyle where he finished fourteenth and eighth respectively, he ventured outdoors and truly found his niche in the open water. Within two years, he accomplished an incredible feat at the 1998 World Swimming Championships in Perth where he won the 5k and 25k races (note: the 10k had not yet been added to the FINA schedule). Aleksey won the 5k over a stellar field which included such open water stars as Ky Hurst of Australia, Luca Baldini of Italy, David Meca of Spain, Stephan Lecat of France and Christof Wandratsch of Germany. Aleksey also won the 25k race over another accomplished field that included David Meca and countryman (and one of the fastest English Channel swimmers of all time) Yuri Kudinov.

Aleksey later established an open water school in Russia with his coach of 15 years, Sergey Kustov. He continues to support the sport by serving in various roles including referee. After the sudden death of Kustov, Aleksey stepped into the role of coach and led the Russian team at world championship events in Honolulu and Fukuoka. In Honolulu at the 2000 World Open Water Swimming Championships, he not only coached the team (including 5k gold medalist Yevgeny Bezruchenko and 25k gold medalist Yuri Kudinov, but he also swam to a bronze medal in the 25k, just over a minute slower than the swimmer he was coaching.

Aleksey's overall open water swimming record includes: FINA World Championships: 1994 25k bronze, 1998 5k gold, 1998 25k gold, 1998 5k team silver, 2000 25k bronze LEN European Championships: 1995 5k gold, 1995 25k gold, 1996 5k gold, 1996 25k gold, 1999 5k silver, 1999 25k gold FINA World Cup Series: 1999 30k gold in Lake Ohrid (Macedonia), 2000 25k gold in Bled (Slovenia), 2000 30k bronze in Lake Ohrid (Macedonia)



Reg Brickell Jr. (GBR) / Ray Brickell (GBR)

Pilot / Escort

Following in the footsteps of their Marathon Swimming Hall of Fame father, Reg Brickell, Sr., sons Reg, Jr. and Ray continue the Brickell family tradition of being the most sought-after pilots to escort swimmers across the English Channel. Their knowledge of Channel elements of weather, water, and likely conditions has earned them a place in English Channel history as the most successful team to “lead the way” in helping channel crossers succeed. They are usually “right-on” for picking the day

and time to start a swim.

Reg and Ray started acting as English Channel pilots with their father Reg over 40 years ago. Reg started working with this father at the age of 16 in 1967 and brother Ray started three years later also at the age of 16.

In 1981, they took over the running of the boat from their father. On average, they take up to 20 swimmers each season across the English Channel, including escorts of several world record swims. Like their father, they remain very involved with the Channel Swimming Association.

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Noted swimmers include Lynne Cox, English Channel fastest time, Stella Taylor, oldest woman, and many, many more.

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Christopher Guesdon (AUS)

Administrator

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Yuri Kudinov (RUS)

Swimmer

Yuri Kudinov of Volgograd is a great Russian crossover swimmer who, after years of intense pool training as a 400 meter and 1500 meter freestyler, shifted gears to 25k open water races.

Yuri continued the long list of strong Russian 25k swimmers and confirmed his status as one of the greatest as he won his 25k specialty at the 2000 World Open Water Swimming Championship, the 2001 World Swimming Championships, the 2002 World Open Water Swimming Championships, the 2003 World Swimming Championships and the 2007 World Swimming Championships with silver medals at the 2004 and 2006 World Open Water Swimming Championships. He won the bronze medal at the 2008 World Open Water Swimming Championship.

In addition to facing down the fastest long-distance men in competitions, Yuri also swam one of the fastest times ever recorded in the English Channel when he swam 7 hours and 5 minutes across the Channel on a spectacular day just falling short in time behind Petar Stoychev.

Yuri's record of accomplishment is impressive, especially given the fact that he was consistently strong in cold water, warm water, flat water, rough water, salt water and fresh water proving his versatility as one of the world's fastest open water swimmers.

His results in the FINA World Championships, all 25k events: 2000 gold (Honolulu, Hawaii), 2001 gold (Fukuoka, Japan), 2002 gold (Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt), 2003 gold (Barcelona, Spain), 2004 silver (Dubai, United Arab Emirates), 2006 silver (Naples, Italy), 2007 gold (Melbourne, Australia) and 2008 bronze (Seville, Spain).



Angela Maurer (GER)

Swimmer

Angela Maurer is an open water swimming racer. Born 27 July 1975, in Wiesbaden, Germany, she is a member of the Rhineland – Palatinate State Elite Sports Training Program. Since 1999, she has been competing at the European Championship level winning two gold medals (10k, 25k) (2006), two silver medals, (10k, 25k) (2002, 1999), and one bronze medal (10k) (2004). She maintains a unique lifestyle balance between motherhood and the swimming sport she loves. She has competed at the 2001 and 2003 FINA World Championships winning silver in the 10k (2003) and bronze in the 25k (2001, 2003). At the 2009 FINA World Championships, at age 34, she won the 25k gold medal in high waves and heavy surf of the Mediterranean Sea in 5 hours, 43 minutes and 48 seconds in a hard fought swim where only a few seconds separated gold and bronze medal winners. She now has eight FINA World Championship medals. *(Continued next page)*

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Angela Maurer (GER) (Continued)

At the age of 35, Angela remains active on the FINA 10k Marathon Swimming World Cup and FINA Open Water Swimming Grand Prix circuits. She finished third at the 10k New York City Pro Swim (USA), third in the Copenhagen (Denmark) World Cup, third in the Lake Annecy (France) World Cup, third in the Chun An (China) World Cup, fourth in the Varna (Bulgaria) World Cup, second in the Setubal (Portugal) World Cup, seventh in the Santos (Brazil) World Cup and second in the 15k Sumidero Canyon (Mexico) Grand Prix.

She set a record in the Atlantic City Around the Island Swim and competed in the 2008 Olympic Games 10k finishing fourth. She has eight German National titles in 5k, 10k, and 25k distances.

Angela has been studying at Police Technical College since September 2007.



Penny Palfrey (AUS)

Swimmer

At the age of 19, she migrated to Australia from England, where she had been a British middle distance pool swimmer. After a 12 year break from the pool to raise her three children, Penny began training again and in 1993 was selected to compete in a 25k open water race alongside World Champions, Shelley Taylor-Smith and Melissa Cunningham. One thing lead to another and today Penny travels the world with her husband, Chris, tackling tough marathon swims while maintaining a healthy accounting business at home. In 2009, she became the second person ever to swim the treacherous, shark-infested Alenuihaha Channel from the Big Island of Hawaii to Maui. The gutsy 70k (43 miles) swim took 14 hours and 51 minutes. Penny was tossed about by occasional 6-meter (20 foot) ocean swells where her crew would lose sight of her. Together with her husband, she quickly followed up that effort with a 14.5k (8.8 mile) swim across the Maui Channel from Maui to Lanai, becoming the first women to achieve this feat. She next entered the Manhattan Island Marathon Swim, (2007, 2008, 2009) where she finished first among the women for the third year in a row in 7 hours 17 minutes. Later, she was thwarted in a reverse Manhattan Island Swim where she attempted the risky crossing of Lake Taupo, the biggest lake in New Zealand, finishing in 33 hours and 33 minutes with 5 teammates. She also became the first person to swim 64k from Santa Barbara Island to the California mainland in 17 hours and 53 minutes.

Other swims include: two crossings of the English Channel; first person to ever swim the Santa Barbara Channel from San Miguel Island to the California mainland; first to swim between Santa Rosa and Santa Cruz Islands off Santa Barbara, CA; first woman to swim the Au 'au Channel from Maui to Lanai; Cook Strait, New Zealand; Tampa Bay Marathon Swim (overall winner in 2008 and women's course record holder); Strait of Gibraltar (first Australian woman); Rottneest Channel Swim, Australia (eight race crossings, including twice overall winner); part of a relay team which in 2009, set a new world record for the longest ever lake relay swim; represented England in pool swimming and Australia in open water swimming, (six podium finishes in Australian open water swimming national titles). She has earned numerous medals in international Masters competitions and several FINA Masters World Records.

Her adventurous spirit, her obvious athletic abilities, her fearlessness and willingness to traverse the world in search of marathon swimming feats, places Penny as an outstanding open water swimmer.

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James Pittar (AUS)

Swimmer

For well over a decade, James Pittar has been setting records and completing swims that are impressive for the best of athletes. What makes it special for James is that since age 16 he has been blind. In 1985, diagnosed with Retinitus Pigmentosa, a rare retina disease, he took his swimming skills and began crossing bodies of water throughout the world, many of his swims completed as the first blind swimmer (fbs).

In 1998, he completed Perth to Rottnest Island (fbs) and The English Channel (fbs) and within the next 12 years, his swims have included Manhattan Island Marathon (fbs) (45k), Manley to Queensciff (37k), Martha's Vineyard to Nantucket Island (fbs) (26k), Straits of Gibraltar (fbs) (21k), Alcatraz and return (fbs), Italy to Monaco (fbs) (21k), Cook Strait (fbs) (16m), Parana River in Argentina (fbs) (60k), Vaal River in RSA (fbs) (25k), Anzac Cove in Turkey (fbs) (11k), Catalina Channel (33k), Mai Khao Beach to Patong Beach in Thailand (fbs) (21k) and more swims in Alaska, Ireland, California, and Australia.

James has been the ambassador of the Rainbow Club of Australia which raises funds to provide swimming tuition for children with disabilities. Olympian Murray Rose is the club's patron.

James has not let his disability interfere with his success. In fact, it has made him stronger and more intense in completing his goals.



William 'Bill' Sadlo Jr. (USA)

Pioneer Swimmer

Bill Sadlo Jr. competed in at least 31 marathon swims between 1927 and 1957 and was a founding member of the International Professional Swimmers Association while directing swimming programs in New York City for three decades.

He was the Vice President of the International Professional Swimmers Association which was established in September 1927 at the McAlpin Hotel in New York City, to organize a professional tour of marathon swims.

Between 1922 and 1925, Bill participated in the 3 Mile President's Cup Race across the Potomac River in Washington D.C. and attended each year by U.S. President Coolidge. He competed in the 3.5 Mile NYC Metropolitan AAU Senior Long Distance Championship at Camp Ruddy. In 1930, he swam the 11.6 miles from Coney Island to the Battery in Manhattan, in 3 hours and 39 minutes, and finished seventh in the 1948 Lake George, New York 12 mile race at the age of 46.

Bill's 1927 marathon debut occurred when he swam the first of four 28.5 mile races around Manhattan Island, winning in 1928 when he was the only swimmer to finish. He participated in 20, all but one, of the Canadian National Exhibition Long Distance Swims in Toronto between 1927 and 1955, ranging from 5 miles to 32 miles with third place being his highest finish in 1949, when only three swimmers completed the famously difficult race. Given the nickname 'The Swimming Grandfather' in Canada, he remained competitive with younger swimmers while in his 50's.

He participated in the inaugural 22.5 mile swim around Abescon Island in Atlantic City in 1954 where he finished a respectable 11th place at age 52 against the best swimmers of that era.

He made two successful Great Lakes Crossings in the 1950s, the first at age 52. He competed in a 31.7 mile race across Lake Erie from Point Pelee Park, Canada to the Cedar Point Resort in Sandusky, Ohio in 15 hours and 30 minutes. In 1957, he became the oldest person to successfully swim 32 miles across Lake Ontario from Fort Niagara, New York to Toronto, Canada.

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Ann Hardin (USA)

In 1939, 1940 and 1941, Ann Hardin of Lakeside Club, Louisville, Kentucky, won the Women's AAU Three Mile National Championship. The swim was conducted on a course consisting of a one quarter mile-long cable around which the swimmers repeated the course twelve times. The Three Mile Cable National Swim was held in Clementon Lake in New Jersey.

Christopher Guesdon (AUS)

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If the world of open water swimming has a man behind the scenes, certainly Chris Guesdon is that man who has been selflessly and passionately devoted to the sport for over 44 years.

Chris, the mastermind behind the vision of the Olympic 10k Marathon Swim and its inclusion in the 2008 Beijing Olympics, 2012 London Olympics and the 2016 Rio Olympics, has been involved in the sport as an organizer, administrator, official, escort, lobbyist, swimmer, historian and documentor-extraordinaire.

Chris was a FINA accredited Open Water Swimming Team member between 1991-1996 and a member of the FINA Open Water Swimming Technical Committee between 1996-2000.

He is a life member and representative of the English Channel Swimming Association and was the referee at the 1998 Perth World Championships. He organized many open water events including the 1998 Brisbane Oceania Championships, the 1999 Melbourne Pan Pacific Championships, 2003 Fiji South Pacific Games, 1991-2008 Tasmania Open Water Swimming Championships and the 2007 Darwin Arafura Games. Additionally he lectured at the Argentina International Open Water Swimming Clinic, the Fiji Technical Officials Clinic and the Mombassa, Kenya Technical Officials Clinic. He also refereed, managed swimmers or lectured in Dubai, Hawaii, Suva, Caines, Melbourne, Cook Islands, New Zealand, Tasmania, Indonesia, Canada, Argentina, Nile river, Suez Canal, New Jersey, Lake Michigan, Capri-Napoli, Italy, 90k Relay from Malta to Sicily and La Tuque, an epic 24-hour race in Quebec, Canada.

In his home country of Australia, Chris was the secretary of Australian Open Water Swimming technical Committee between 1988-2001, receiving the Australian Sports Medal in 2000. He was the founder of the Australian Long Distance Swimming Federation, which he started to lead from Tasmania in 1973, and a bureau member of the International Long Distance Swimming Federation, which existed between its founding in Paris in 1953 until 1974.

His ability to completely understand the perspective of the athletes allowed him to pioneer the Hong Kong Lifeguards Repulse Bay Round Silver Island & Return Swim in 1977 (now a FINA 10k World Cup event) and participated in the Daugo Island to Ela Beach Marathon Race (Papua, New Guinea), Isle of Capri (Italy) Circumnavigation Swim, Lac La Tuque 24-hour relay, an English Channel attempt and a slew of swims throughout Tasmania: 30k New Norfolk to Cadbury Point Swim, Constitution Dock to Kingston Beach Swim, Howrah Beach to Long Beach Sandy Bay and Montague Bay to Wrest Point Swim.

His legacy will be as the chief architect, and passionate lobbyist, for the Olympic 10k Marathon Swim which, with Sid Cassidy and Dennis Miller, he designed to be acceptable as an Olympic Game's swimming event. He presented the plan, initially sketched out on a napkin, to the FINA Technical Open Water Swimming Committee in 1997 where it was accepted as the optimal blueprint for the good of the sport. Ultimately, it was adopted for the 2008 Beijing Olympics.

He co-authored the comprehensive and authoritative Australian Long Distance and Marathon Swimming Manual with Bill Ford and helped draft the FINA Open Water Swimming Manual.

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France



Ray Bussard
1999
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U.S.A.



Alberto Castagnetti
Italian
National Team Swimming
Coach



Fran Grippen
Open Water
Swimmer



Vicki Draves
1969
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John DuPont
"The American Eagle"
who supported athletes
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Joyce Gompf
Spouse to 2002
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Media Award Recipient



Charles Kickcox
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Extraordinaire



Javier Ostos
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Mary Owens
ISPOF
Dame



William Drew
1998
Pioneer Swimmer
U.S.A.

Remembering Swimmer John DuPont 1938 - 2010



John E. DuPont passed away on December 9, 2010 at the Laurel Highland Correctional Facility, in Pennsylvania. An heir to the DuPont chemical fortune, DuPont was very generous funding Olympic athletes and programs and supporting organizations such as the International Swimming Hall of Fame (ISHOF).



On January 26, 1996, DuPont shot and killed his close friend, Olympic Gold Medalist wrestler Dave Schultz. He was subsequently diagnosed as suffering from paranoid schizophrenia and sentenced to prison for from 13 to 40 years for the crime of “murder in the third degree but mentally ill.”

“I knew him as a very humble individual who put the interest of sport ahead of his personal well being and he was ever ready to help athletes, coaches and organizations like ours when in need,” said Bob Duenkel, ISHOF’s Executive Director and Curator. “It was a tragedy not only for the Schultz family but for all of us who knew John before his illness.”

DuPont was an accomplished author, athlete and coach in wrestling, track, modern pentathlon and swimming. As an aspiring Olympic pentathlete, he promoted a separate, three-event swim, run, shoot. In 1983, ISHOF executive Director Buck Dawson called him the “Father of Modern Triathlon” having held the first race in 1966 on his estate and sponsoring his Team Foxcatcher Triathlon Team. DuPont was the official starter of ISHOF’s USTS triathlon series competitions held in Fort Lauderdale in the early 1980’s. He competed as a 55 and over veteran in wrestling for many years as well as in swimming during the early years of Masters swimming and was a six-time National Masters Swimming Champion. He attracted many top coaches to his Foxcatcher Swim

Club on his Foxcatcher Farms estate in Newtown Square, Pennsylvania. The late six- time, Olympic swimming coach George Haines was one, along with Dick Schoulberg, Frank Keefe and Jack Simon.

He was the founder of the Delaware Museum of Natural History, writing extensively as an ornithologist credited with discovering over two dozen species of birds. As a philatelist, he collected some of the world’s rarest stamps. At his alma matre Villanova University, he funded the basketball arena and the swimming pool, having worked very closely with swimming coach Ed Geise. In 1967, when the ISHOF needed funding for the Celebrity Room Auditorium, DuPont stepped in with the full \$65,000 needed to complete the wing. That would be almost \$500,000 in today’s dollars. Many of his books are found in the Henning Library at the ISHOF.



(L-R) Johnny Weissmuller, Buck Dawson and John DuPont at the International Swimming Hall of Fame

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Gerald Blitz
BEL - 1990



Perica Bukic
YUG/CRO - 2008



Gianni DeMagistris
ITA - 1995



Thea de Wit
2005 - NED



Manuel Estiarte
ESP - 2007



Tamas Farago
HUN - 1993



Fritz Gunst
GER - 1990



Deszo Gyarmati
HUN - 1976



Oliver Halasy
HUN - 1978



John Hatfield
GBR - 1984



Marton Homonnay
HUN - 1971



Zoran Jankovic
YUG - 2004



Aleksandr Kabanov
URS - 2001



Gyorgy Karpati
HUN - 1982



Bela Komjadi
HUN - 1995



Zdravko Kovacic-Ciro
YUG - 1984



Deszo Lemhenyi
HUN - 1998



Gianni Lonzi
ITA - 2009



Mario Majoni
ITA - 1972



Kalman Markovis
HUN - 1994



Mihaky Mayer
HUN - 1987



Igor Milanovic
YUG - 2006



Janos Nemeth
HUN - 1969



Monte Nitzkowski
USA - 1991



Wallace O'Connor
USA - 1966



Henri Padou
FRA - 1970



Eraldo Pizzo
ITA - 1990



Joseph Plentinx
BEL - 1988



Erich Rademacher
GER - 1972



Paul Radmilovic
GBR - 1967



Bela Rajki
HUN - 1996



Cesare Rubini
ITA - 2000



Radko Rudic
YUG, ITA, USA, CRO - 2007



Mirko Sandic
YUG - 1999



Terry Schroder
USA - 2002



Yevgeny Sharanov
RUS - 2003



Charles Smith
GBR - 1981



Jimmy Smith
USA - 1992



Clyde Swendsen
USA - 1991



Istvan Szivos, Jr.
HUN - 1996



Istvan Szivos, Sr.
HUN - 1997



Debbie Watson
AUS - 2008



George Wilkinson
GBR - 1980



Craig Wilson
USA - 2005

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1884	Art Linkletter	Entertainer / Swimmer	
1985	William E. Simon	U.S. Treasury Secretary, U.S. Olympic Committee President / Swimmer	
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1987	William Garvey	Entrepreneur / Swimmer	
1988	Ronald Reagan	U.S. President / Swimmer	
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1991	Donna de Verona	TV Spokeswoman / Swimmer	
1992	Andrew Young	U. S. Ambassador / Swimmer	
1993	Paul Tsongas	U.S. Senator / Swimmer	
1994	Jim Moran	Entrepreneur / Swimmer	
1995	Buddy Ebsen	Entertainer / Swimmer	
1996	Joao Havelange	FIFA President, Brazil IOC Life Member / Swimmer / Water Polo	
1997	Paul W. Bucha	U. S. Congressional Medal of Honor, Entrepreneur / Swimmer	
1998	Rogers B. "Tiger" Holmes	Entrepreneur / Swimmer	
1999	James Whelan	City Mayor / Swimmer	
2000	Gregory J. Bonann	Exec. Producer Baywatch, Hawaii / Swimmer	
2001	Sandra Baldwin	U. S. Olympic Committee President / Swimmer	
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2007	Adolph Kiefer	Olympic Champion, Entrepreneur, Philanthropist / Swimmer	
2007	Esther Williams	Four Time National "Swimming Champion, Actress / Swimmer	
2008	Giovanni "Nanni" Moretti	Film Director, Producer, Screenwriter, Actor / Water Polo	
2009	William R. "Tim" Timken, Jr.	Businessman / Ambassador	



Joao Havelange



Giovanni "Nanni" Moretti



Zlatko Mateša (CRO)

2010 Gold Medallion Award

Zlatko Mateša, the first man of Croatian Sport, has served as President of the Croatian Olympic Committee since 2002. He was born 1949, in Zagreb and raised on Crnatkovej Street, near where the Ministry of Culture stands today. After high school, he obtained a law degree from the University of Zagreb and joined INA, Croatia's National Oil Company. He worked for INA in the 1970s and 1980s at various positions, rising to the position of Assistant Director General. He would also serve as a consultant for the restructuring of Croatian Airlines and the Croatian shipbuilding industry.

By 1989, major changes were taking place throughout Eastern Europe and it was clear Yugoslavia's political and economic systems were about to change as well. Rather than sit on the sidelines as a spectator, Mateša joined the newly formed pro-independence

party, HDZ, Croatia's Christian Democratic Union, which won the first post-Tito era free elections in 1990. Shortly after declaring independence from Yugoslavia in 1991, the region tragically fell into armed conflict. During this period, Zlatko served in various ministerial capacities with the Croatian government, lobbied to have Croatia admitted to the WTO (World Trade Organization) and helped developed strategic plans for privatization of Croatian industry before emerging as the nation's Prime Minister in 1995, a position he held into 2000. Thus, Mateša, a water polo enthusiast, joined a list of notable Neptune's minions who climbed out of the water to become national and world leaders across the spectrum of political thought: including

the likes of Franklin Roosevelt, Winston Churchill, John F. Kennedy Josip Broz Tito and Mao Tse Tung.



In addition to his duties as Prime Minister, he served on the Council of the President of the Republic, on the National Security and Defence Council and was President of the National Scientific Council.

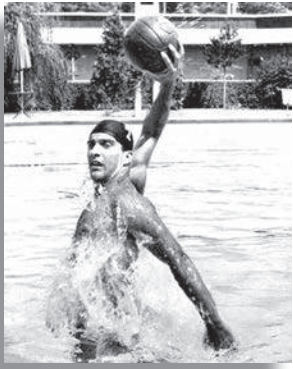
After his term as Prime Minister expired, Mateša studied at Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government, served in Parliament and in 2002 was named President of the Croatian Olympic Committee – a position he seems uniquely suited for



– or so say the journalists who enjoy seeing him in a swim suit. But although water polo is main interest as a participant now, he was also an avid soccer player in his youth and he enjoys all sports. In 2008, he was appointed to a third term as President of the COC and in 2009, he earned a Ph.D. in sports management from Beijing Sports University.

The International Swimming Hall of Fame is proud to recognize Zlatko Mateša, a man of wide interests with a positive attitude toward all people and things, a Lawyer, Businessman, Prime Minister, Parliamentarian, President of the Croatian Olympic Committee, water polo player and a positive role model for the youth of the world, as a recipient of the Gold Medallion, our highest honour.





Giuseppe D'Altrui (ITA)

2010 Honor Water Polo Player

FOR THE RECORD: 1960 OLYMPIC GAMES: gold; 1956, 1964 OLYMPIC GAMES: 4th Place; 1954 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS: bronze; 1958 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS: 4th place; 1959 UNIVERSITY GAMES: bronze; 1958, 1959 WORLD MILITARY CHAMPIONSHIPS: gold; 1955, 1963 MEDITERRANEAN GAMES: gold; 1959 MEDITERRANEAN GAMES: silver; Captain of the Italian National Team at Two Olympic Games: 1960, 1964.

Marco D'Altrui (ITA)

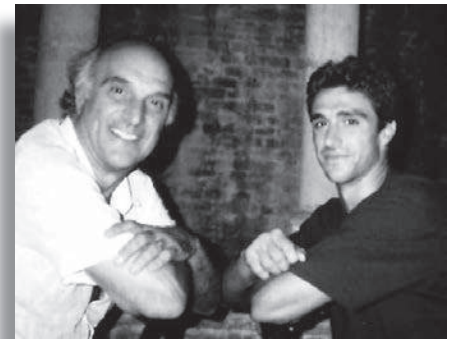
2010 Honor Water Polo Player



FOR THE RECORD: 1992 OLYMPIC GAMES: gold; 1984, 1988 OLYMPIC GAMES: 7th; FINA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: 1994, gold; 1986, silver; FINA CUPS: 1983-bronze; 1985, 1987-5th, 1989-silver; 1993-gold; 1983 MEDITERRANEAN GAMES: bronze; 1987, 1990 MEDITERRANEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS: gold; 1983 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS: 6th; 1985 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS: 4th; 1987, 1989 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS: bronze; 1993 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS: gold.

For the first time in history, the International Swimming Hall of Fame is recognizing a father and son as one, jointly in the same year. This honor goes to three-time Olympic water polo players Giuseppe and Marco D'Altrui of Italy.

Giuseppe "Geppino" D'Altrui was born in Naples on April 7, 1934. He played in over 300 Series A games, from 1952 through 1964. Coached by Hall of Famer Mario Majoni, Giuseppe competed in 75 Italian National Team games from 1954 to 1964. He was a member of the 1956 Italian Olympic Team that competed in Melbourne finishing fourth, but as the Captain of the 1960 Olympic Team, he helped to lead his team to a gold medal victory in front of a home-town crowd at the Rome Olympic Games. He was also Captain of the 1964 Olympic Team that just finished out of the medal count.



Giuseppe's love for the game flowed naturally from his love of being in the water. "I can say that I have spent more time in the water than on earth and for me is never enough!"

Following in the footsteps of famous fathers can be a difficult burden for young athletes and few are the ones who achieve the same level of success. But for Marco, who was born on April 24, 1964, following in the wake of his father came as naturally as learning to swim, which he did before he was three years of age. "For me to stay in the water was a game, fun, a hobby. I was diving and played with the ball in full freedom from the time I was three," says Marco.



From his father's example Marco learned to love the water and the dedication, commitment and time management skills that make a champion. He played in over 700 Series A matches as a member of Recco and Pescara and like his father before him was a member of the national team for ten years. In 1984 and 1988 he was on the Olympic teams that finished 7th in Los Angeles and Seoul. Then, playing for Hall of Fame coach Ratko Rudic, at the 1992 Olympic Games, Marco and the Settebello once again won the gold, 32 years after his father. As a great defensive player, Marco helped to keep his opponents from scoring, resulting in a grand slam

of the Italian National Team from 1992-1994 (Olympic Games, World Championships, European Championships) and a grand slam of European Cups (Euro League Cup, Winners Cup, LEN Cup and LEN Super Cup).

"When athletes are young," says Marco, "certainly the most credit goes to parents for their commitment both in terms of organization of management of daily life. I have no regrets at the sacrifices and am delighted to have followed in the footsteps of my father. Perhaps the best thing about the gold medal won in Barcelona was just to see the joy and emotion of my parents when I got off the plane with the medal around my neck. To win the Olympics was a dream that I've always had and it has accompanied me since I played with a small ball in the shallow water. I always wanted to imitate my father, who had won the gold medal at the Olympics in Rome. It goes to show that if you dream it, and work hard, you can do it."



Alexander Ivanovich Dolgushin (USSR)

2010 Honor Water Polo Player

For the Record: Olympic Games: Silver (1968), Gold (1972); World Championships: Silver (1973), Gold (1975); European Championships: Gold (1967 & 1970); Cup of the European Champions and the Super Cup of Europe (1976); Tenfold Champion of the USSR as a member of the CVSK VMF-team (Central Marine Club of the Navy) and awarded with the highest sports title in the USSR “Distinguished Master of Sports.”

The life of Alexander Dolgushin provides an example of how an ordinary Moscow street urchin could rise from poverty and hunger to the Olympic summit of sports, having victoriously brought to the altar of water polo his efforts, diligence, health, talent, fearlessness, courage, persistence and his love of the sport. Known as “Ivanych” or “Sasha” to his teammates and his worthy opponents, Alexander Dolgushin’s main precept to his fellow players was, “Never forget whose honor you are defending! Support your team and your teammates!”

A legendary member of the National Water Polo team of the USSR, he was one of the most feared defensive players in the world during the 1960’s and 1970’s, three-time participant in the Olympic Games (Mexico City, Munich, and Montreal), who also was named to the symbolic Water Polo Team of the World.

Ivanych was born in Moscow in 1946 into a poor working believing family. His father died, when Sasha was 7 years old, leaving his Mother with two children and no means of support. Sasha knew need and arduous toil, helping mother. His life was difficult and at an early age began to show combat qualities, being involved in many fights. When he was 12, he came to the attention of Pavel Nikolaevich Shubin, the great sports teacher heading Moscow Children’s Sports School. Sasha was unable to swim, but Shubin guided him in the

pool and after two years of persistent work he won the Games of schoolboys of the USSR, as a part of Modular Moscow. He began playing water polo at 15 years under Sergey Butkevich and at 16 he joined CVSK VMF (Central Marine Club of the Navy), his team for the next 20 years.



At 17 years, he won his first victory in the Championship of the USSR and received a rank of Master of Sports of the USSR, for water polo. His long and legendary life as a member of the National Team of the USSR began in 1965, under coach Bljumental Anatoly Samuilovich. Games in water polo in the 1960’s and 70’s reminded many of the Roman gladiatorial fights because the water was often painted by blood of sportsmen because of rigid single combat. Tribunes did not contain all fans. Even ladders were occupied. He was one of idols of water polo of that time. Fans adored him for his rigid uncompromising defense and they could tell his opponents were afraid.

For titanic work, courage, persistence, reliability, independence and frankness receives already in young years a valid sports name “Ivanych” (Ivan’s son). At 1,87m, and a weight of 95 kg he wasn’t the biggest player in the pool, but possessed a natural powerful force and patience and he did not spare himself for the sake of a victory of the team. His role was the heaviest and most difficult challenge on the National Team: to neutralize the attacking opponent’s center forward. Many of his opponents exceeded 2 metres in heights and some weighed more than 120 kg, like the Hungarian giant Ishtvan Sivos and Mirko Sandic of Yugoslavia, both Hall of Famers. It was nearly impossible for his opponents to win and when the counter attack began he possessed a powerful throw and quite often was on the list of the most productive water polo players in many tournaments. But while they were enemies in the water, he made them his friends out of the pool and always rejoiced at meeting his fiercest rivals. Ivanych was even invited to the 50-year-old birthday of Sivos, in Budapest.



In 1964, he found love when he met his future wife – Nonna, the girl from a well-regarded Moscow family – and the life of Ivanych found new paint. Together they visited museums, theatres, exhibitions and married in 1969.

Ruthless in games, the life of Ivanych was cheerful and open. He was a kind, generous person, always coming to rescue people in a difficult minute. Powerful and elegant in demeanor, he was a blue-eyed handsome man, with curling light-brown hair, the figure

Alexander Ivanovich Dolgushin *(continued)*

of the ancient soldier with soul of the child. He was able to rejoice sincerely in the success of companions, forgave all insults, condemned nobody, did not remember harm, despised gossips, intrigues and flattery. He was fair and independent. These qualities he learned from his first trainer Pavel Nikolaevich Shubin, who taught him that “the Victory should be like pulled out teeth!” (Difficult)

Outside of the pool, he finished his studies at the Moscow aviation technical school and the Moscow state institute of economy with distinction. At leisure, he liked to read and listen to music -Russian romances performed by Boris Shtokolov and foreign performers, such as Frank Sinatra and Tom Jones.

After 20 years as a player he became the player/coach for the Sports club of Army (Group of the Soviet armies in Germany). From 1985 – 2000, he worked in the Military Commissariat of Moscow, in Sports Committee of the Russian Federation and was engaged in business.

Ivanych valued everything that water polo gave him: great trainers, companions on a legendary National team of the USSR, glory, honor, success, the international popularity in sports circles, authority, love of fans, a possibility to see the world and to help people.

Until the last day of his life, April 17, 2006, Alexander Ivanovich Dolgushin was the great patriot of Russia and Water polo.





Zdravko Jezic (YUG)

2010 Honor Water Polo Player

FOR THE RECORD: 1952, 1956, 1960 OLYMPIC GAMES: silver (1952, 1956), 4th (1960), COMPETED BEFORE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS BEGAN IN 1973; 1950, 1954, 1958 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS: silver (1954, 1958), bronze (1950); 1950-1960 Member Yugoslav National Team.

A Man of Substance

Zdravko “Pusko” Jezic was a man gifted with versatility and savoir-vivre. Knowing how to live well, with both honor and grace, is a rare attribute that most people are unable to grasp, much less appreciate. While the International Swimming Hall of Fame recognizes Jezic as a great athlete, few are the sportsmen who can easily adjust to the banalities of everyday civilian life, long after the applause and accolades have ceased. Jezic was one of those rarities who was an equally impressive scientist and family man. Five years after his death, it therefore makes sense for all of us to appreciate Zdravko Jezic as a man of substance, who continued to live a rich and accomplished life, long after his Olympic career had ended. We should also recognize

those who raised and mentored the young Pusko, helping him become a legendary Olympian, a man with a purpose.

Life before Water Polo

Born to Croatian parents Julija and Nikola Jezic on the 17th of August, 1931, young Pusko was predestined to travel the world. Nikola was an army colonel who moved the family to every corner of Yugoslavia. Before he was ten years old, Zdravko Jezic had relocated from Serbia to Montenegro and Slovenia, eventually settling in a Zagreb apartment during World War II. Nikola and Julija raised their only child in that flat and lived there until 1996, when both passed away. While the city of Zagreb was spared the devastation that much of Europe experienced, the Yugoslav nation had an additional civil war between communist Partisans and the Croatian Home Guard. As an officer in the Home Guard, Nikola Jezic endured a brutal “death march” with other prisoners of war, followed by a lengthy jail sentence. During his early teens, Zdravko missed his father terribly and this difficult period certainly forged his character, making him a tougher man. He excelled at school, also enjoying the benefit of having athletic neighbors in the same apartment building. All three Stermac brothers were elite sportsmen. Alex Stermac brought the young Pusko to Mladost in 1944, where he developed into a talented swimmer and water polo player. Alex later represented Yugoslavia in water polo at the 1948 Olympics, while young Pusko starred that same year on the Croatian Junior championship team. This was significant because, for the first time, a Zagreb team was water polo champion. Water polo was traditionally played on the Adriatic coast and Zagreb is over 100 miles inland, with a continental climate and no indoor pool. This did not stop young Pusko from training during the cold winter months. He swam miles in a steaming hot thermal bath, skied cross-country, and jogged with a backpack full of sand. Able to smuggle dumbbells and other fitness equipment from the Soviet Union, Jezic lifted weights on his balcony. He was Junior National Team captain from 1949 - 52. While water polo was his focus, Pusko also swam for Mladost and participated in relays. He was a top-four swimmer in all freestyle events, from 50 to 400 meters. An explosive sprinter, Jezic also had the honor of swimming for the ball at the start of all water polo matches. Within two years, Zdravko Jezic would be promoted to the Yugoslav Senior national team, in 1950.

Water Polo Career

From 1950 to 1960, Zdravko Jezic played 113 consecutive national team matches (Yugoslav Captain 1958 - 60), as well as over 400 games for Zagreb’s Club Mladost (Captain 1952 - 62). Legendary Hungarian coach Bela Rajki called Jezic one of the “outstanding personalities of his time,” while making his selection of the world’s greatest players from that era. As a teenager at the 1950 European Championships in Vienna, Jezic rapidly distinguished himself on the first Yugoslav team to medal at a major international competition, a bronze. He scored three goals in their victory against a heavily favored Italian team that won gold at the 1948 London Games. For the next ten years, Italy would not defeat Yugoslavia in water polo. Given his first opportunity on the global stage, Jezic made memorable contributions by putting both his national and club teams on the map. Sixty years later, Zdravko Jezic’s water polo legacy is alive and well, as several former Yugoslav republics continue to excel internationally. Furthermore, no European water polo team has won more club championships than Mladost.

Following Vienna, there would be many more “firsts” during Jezic’s stellar Olympic career. The most important was Helsinki 1952, when the 21 year old starred on the silver medal Yugoslav team. This was their first Olympic water polo medal. While Yugoslavia tied Hungary 2:2, the gold medal was decided on goal differential. Jezic carried the Yugoslav flag at Helsinki Closing Ceremony. At the 1953 Trofeo Italia in Nijmegen, Yugoslavia won their first gold medal. During



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that period, this was the de facto water polo world championship. At Melbourne 1956, Yugoslavia once again settled for Olympic silver after a 2:1 loss to Hungary. The following year, Yugoslavia won gold at World University Games in Paris, repeating at Torino in 1959. At the 1959 Mediterranean Games in Beirut, Jezic played his 100th national team match – the first Yugoslav player to reach that milestone. Yugoslavia took gold in Beirut, preparing for Rome 1960 Games. Rome would be the end of Pusko's sterling career. Having twice lost the Olympic gold medal to Hungary, Jezic was now captain of a young inexperienced Yugoslav national team. In perhaps his finest moment as a water polo player, Jezic scored the winning last-second goal against Hungary, a 2:1 victory on the 1st of September, 1960. Undefeated through their first five games, a gold medal for Yugoslavia appeared likely. The final two matches were scheduled against the USSR (2nd Sept.) and Italy (3rd Sept.), who had not defeated Yugoslavia in ten years of international competition. Yugoslavia's glorious moment proved to be short-lived. On the following day, Jezic was shocked to see, instead of Soviets, the Italian team preparing for their match against Yugoslavia. This sudden change of schedule was unprecedented and, as team captain, Jezic considered a boycott. Only after the Yugoslav Federation reluctantly agreed, the match went on. Following a very controversial kick-out, Yugoslavia lost 2:1 with a man down. Italy went on to win gold, while the Soviets took silver. Hungary beat Yugoslavia for the bronze medal, once again on goal differential. Jezic returned home without a medal. Heartbroken and defeated, he skipped the Closing Ceremony.



Life after Water Polo

After Rome, Jezic decided to focus on life after water polo. With a PhD in Organic Chemistry from the University of Zagreb, Jezic graduated at the top of his class in 1962 and married the love of his life the following year. In October 1964, with an infant son named Boris, Zdravko and Bozena Jezic left Yugoslavia and started a new life in the United States. Soon afterwards, in 1966, a second son Goran was born in Ann Arbor, Michigan. That year Zdravko Jezic also joined the Dow Chemical Company, which remained his one and only employer for the next 26 years. Given the strength of Detroit's automobile industry, and the Michigan economy in general, Jezic was ecstatic to be living his unique 1960's version of the American dream. He compared the fortunate timing of his U.S. chemical career to that of a young artist arriving in late 19th century Paris, then the creative capital of Europe. In 1971 a daughter Nina was born in Midland, Michigan and the happy Jezic nest was completed. Because he was fully absorbed in his young family and thriving Dow career, Jezic did not miss playing water polo. He excelled at all racquet sports and ran several marathons. That being said, for the rest of his life, Jezic remained a loyal supporter of the Yugoslav and Croatian national teams. In 1972 Pusko brought his young sons to Munich, where they watched Mark Spitz win his 7th gold medal. Munich was an off year for Yugoslavia, but in 1984 Jezic was fortunate to watch his former team win an epic gold medal match over Team USA, which they repeated in Seoul four years later. Some Yugoslav officials claimed that having Jezic in the audience brought them good luck.

During the 1984 Los Angeles Games, at a special ceremony in Malibu, Zdravko Jezic was inducted into the International Water Polo Hall of Fame. In 1988, he was featured in a prime time Dow Chemical television ad that aired nationwide for several months, during the Seoul Games. Eight years later, the Jezic family watched a newly independent Croatia win a silver medal in Atlanta. Needless to say, Olympic referees, dignitaries and coaches never failed to notice Jezic in the crowd and pay their respects. A final recognition took place 2002 in Zagreb, when Croatian President Stipe Mesic hosted a dinner, honoring athletes who brought home Croatia's first Olympic medals from Helsinki, fifty years earlier. Zdravko Jezic was a complete human being without enemies, just people who loved him and those who liked him less. He was a consummate team player and born leader, a man of physical strength and formidable character. Nobody could doubt this man's integrity. Honest to the core, Jezic had vision and focus that were based on strong principles and moral values. Even under the most difficult of circumstances, he was unafraid to make tough decisions and accepted full responsibility for the consequences. Outside of the swimming pool, Jezic firmly stood by these ideals with kindness and compassion. His lifelong friendships spanned all cultures and continents. Pusko was a mountain of a man and, for his great sense of humor, roaring laugh and fierce loyalty, we remember him well.



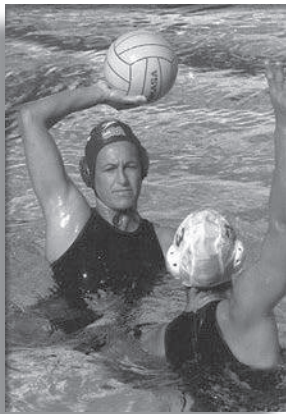
Maureen O'Toole Purcell (USA)

2010 Honor Water Polo Player

FOR THE RECORD: 2000 OLYMPIC GAMES: silver; WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP COMPETITION: 1978 (exhibition), 1982, 1986 (3rd), 1991 (3rd), 1994 (4th), 1998 (8th): COMPETED ON U.S. NATIONAL TEAM FOR 21 YEARS; FINA WORLD CUP COMPETITION: 1979 (1st), 1980 (2nd), 1983 (2nd), 1984 (2nd), 1989 (2nd), 1991 (3rd), 1999 (6th), 1999 PAN AMERICAN GAMES: silver; SIX TIME WORLD WATER POLO FEMALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR; 15 TIME U.S. WOMEN'S WATER POLO MOST VALUABLE PLAYER.

Maureen O'Toole didn't set out to be a role model for athletically inclined moms in their late 30s. Her dream was just to play water polo in the Olympics. She just never thought in her wildest dreams it would take so long.

Known as "Mo" to her friends, Maureen O'Toole was born on March 21, 1961 in Long Beach, California, a Mecca for American swimming and water polo. She loved all sports but was especially gifted in the water and excelled as a competitive swimmer. She was introduced to water polo by coach Bob Gruneisen in 1973 and she enjoyed it so much that she, along with her friend, Becky Black, decided to try out for the boys' team at Wilson High, as there was no team for girls.



"The other coaches around the league didn't know what to make of us," O'Toole said. "And it wasn't easy. But Bob taught me so much and made me stick with it. I owe him so much. He really showed me the basics, and that's so important."

Maureen didn't just make the team, she was a star and became the first girl in history to make an All-City team in a boys' sport. In her senior year, she was selected for the U.S. national women's team when she was 17. A year later, she played in at the inaugural women's World Cup and was voted to the All-world team. After high school, she enrolled at Long Beach City College, where she played for the men's team under USA National Coach Monte Nitzkowski, before accepting a swimming scholarship at the University of Hawaii – as there were still no women's collegiate varsity water polo teams.

From that first World Cup in 1979, the goal of FINA was to add women's water polo to the Olympic program, but the effort failed, first in 1984, then '88 and '92. When the Atlanta program was announced in the fall of 1994 without it, Mo retired from the National Team. And what a career! In the eyes of most observers, she was the greatest women's player of all time having been named Women's World Player of the Year six times and the USA National Championship MVP fifteen times. She was married and had a daughter, Kelly, who was born in 1991. She had a Masters Degree in Education and the opportunity to become the head women's coach at the University of California, Berkeley. It was time to call it a career and get on with her life.

But she never let go of the Olympic idea, practicing with the men's team at the Olympic Club and doing some masters swimming to stay fit, just in case. And then in October of 1997 she got "the call" from Sandy Nitta, the women's national team coach. It was official - women's water polo would be on the 2000 Sydney Olympic program! Instantly she made two quick decisions: She named her new Labrador "Sydney" and returned to serious training.

When she re-joined the team in December of 1998, it was under a new coach, Guy Baker, and most of the girls were in their twenties or younger. Some weren't even born yet when Mo was playing on the national team.

Since her retirement, the game had changed dramatically. The girls were bigger, stronger and faster and the game was more physical. At 5'10" and 140 lbs. she had been able to dominate physically, but now she would have to rely upon experience and finesse. And there was no guarantee she would even make the team. Coach Baker made this point clear to her at their first meeting. It was what she could contribute in Sydney that mattered, not her resume. She understood and did every drill, swam every set and worked as hard, if not harder than anyone on the team.



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Maureen O'Toole Purcell (USA) (continued)

The rest is history. Maureen, the legend who went to Sydney with 395 international matches on her resume was the key player for Team USA in a game that will be remembered forever in water polo lore, not only as the first Olympics for women, but as one of the great games of all time.

Since retiring for good, Maureen is a motivational speaker, the founder of the The Pursuit of Excellence Sports Academy, a foundation that teaches self-esteem and leadership training for girls 8 – 18 and still coach's water polo. In April 2005, Maureen married Jim Purcell, a former national level water polo player who now coaches Monte Vista High School in California.

Daughter Kelly, graduated from Monte Vista High School in 2010 and is a member of the USA Junior National Team and will be attending the University of California, Berkeley in the fall of 2010.



LEGENDS OF THE GAME

ANDRÉS "BANDY" ZOLYOMY

By Yiannis Giannouris

(Editor's note: Yiannis Giannouris coaches water polo at Nautical Club of Vouliagmeni, in Greece, and may be the most knowledgeable person in the world about the history of water polo. Yiannis maintains a truly incredible on-line historical resource for water polo, www.waterpololegends.com When ISHOF asked him if there was anyone missing from those inducted into the Hall of Fame, he immediately responded: "Bandy!" This article is an abridgement of the original article. For the complete article, see www.ishof.org in current exhibits.)

Andrés "Bandy" Zolyomy was a man with vision and passion for Water Polo.

He coached during 38 years, participating in seven Olympic Games with two different countries.

While he only won one Olympic gold medal as a head coach (Rome 1960), he is at least partially responsible for the successes of Italy in 1948, 1976 and 1992, and for Spain's success in 1992 and 1996.

In all his life he dared to go against the stream and promote the Sport, influencing with his way of thinking hundreds of players, officials and coaches. He was an optimistic and fair person, full of understanding and humour, being able to impose discipline only with few words. "Bandy" succeeded, despite all difficulties, to remain consistent to his values, leaving an invaluable legacy to future generations around the world.

2010 Honor Water Polo Coach



Bandy coaching the Italian National Team in 1960.

Andrés "Bandy" Zolyomy, was born in Budapest on June 14th, 1913. He started off as a swimmer and then played Water Polo for the teams of Budapest MUE (Magyar Uszó Egyesület) and MTK (Magyar Testgyakorlók Köre).

In 1934 on his way to Casablanca he stopped in Naples, Italy where he met Lello Niola, an official of Rari Nantes Napoli and future secretary of the Italian Swimming Federation, who offered him the position of player-coach of the club. Zolyomy, against the

wishes of his family, left the Danube and Margarita island of Budapest to begin an amazing "Odyssey" through Italy, Spain and the World.

In Napoli, "Bandy" immediately introduced his concepts and ideas and Rari Nantes Napoli won one game after the other and conquers its' first National Championship. The Italian Federation appreciated the contribution of Bandy Zolyomy to this success and entrusted him the bench of

the National team despite the fact that he was only 26 years old. "How nice" said his player in Rari Nantes, Mimi Grimaldi. "Now we will all play for the National team". Zolyomy understanding this rather "provincial approach" of his player said: "Now, you need to deserve it twice, should you like to play for the National team".

Zolyomy believed that Italy should immediately confront with the best Water Polo Nations of the era and organize



Rari Nantes Napoli 1937, with Bandy as player/coach
Standing L-R: Giovanni De Silva, Mimi Grimaldi, Bandy Zolyomy (player and coach), Gildo Arena. Sitting: Emilio Bulgarelli, Pasquale Buonocore, Giulio De Filippis. Source: magazine "Il Matino illustrato", 1979.

a series of friendly games with Hungary and enter tournaments with the best teams. By 1939 the Italians are among the best teams in the world.

When the World War began, Zolyomy returned to Budapest in order to join the Hungarian army, but by July 1940, he was back in Italy coaching the team of SS Lazio and 1942 found him back at Rari Nantes Napoli. In 1943 he ended up in an Italian prison. But with a “clean” background and having lots of friends he survived during an extremely difficult period.

After the Italian Championship restarted in 1946, Zolyomy was invited to coach Canottieri Olona, in Milan. Olona was a team composed from the best Italian players, including future Hall of Famers Mario Majoni and Cesare Rubini, who after the war were looking for a way to come back into normal life. But he was bypassed as coach of the National Team. So, in 1948 Zolyomy accepted an offer to lead the team of Club Natación Barcelona, the eternal National Champion that was also considered to be the National team of Spain.

From the very first moment of his arrival, Zolyomy showed his revolutionary intentions. In preparation for London, he excluded the old players and promoted younger ones, including some even from other Spanish Clubs. While his former team Italy won the gold medal, Bandy took Spain to a respectable 8th place finish at the London Games.

In 1951, Spain won the Mediterranean Games, raising the optimism and expectations for a good performance at the 1952 Helsinki Olympic Games. Disappointingly, Spain finished in 8th place again. Not a bad result, but expectations were higher. That, and the fact that his ideas about enlarging the “geography” of Spanish Water Polo outside of Barcelona and Cataluña did not make the leadership of Club Natación Barcelona happy. Although he was now a Spanish citizen and married to a Spaniard, 1953 found Bandy back coaching in Italy.

In September 1956, just two months prior to the Melbourne Olympic Games and the day following the end of the Italian Championship, the Italian sports newspaper “Gazzetta dell Sport” announced that “‘Hungarian’ Andrés Bandy Zolyomy will replace Mario Majoni as the coach of the Italian National Team.” Majoni, born in 1910, was one of the most important personalities in the history of the Italian Water Polo. As a player he won the gold in London 1948 and as a coach the bronze medal in Helsinki 1952 Olympics. Despite the fact that was three years older than Zolyomy, he has been his player in the National team of 1939 and Canottieri Olona of Milan in 1947.



Italian National Team 1957 - Standing L-R: Bardi, Manelli, Dennerlein, Rubini, Zolyomy, D'Altrui, Cavazzoni, Alfonso Buonocore, Marcotulli, Antonelli. Kneeling L-R: Parmeggiani, D'Achille, Eraldo Pizzo, Marciani, Pucci and Gianni Lonzi. The younger players Bardi, Marcotulli, Pizzo and Lonzi remained out of the Melbourne team. Source: Pallanuoto Azzurra; La formula vincente.

The Italian team was quite old and Zolyomy, thinking ahead to the next Olympics in Rome, immediately made changes. Only Hall of Famer Cesare Rubini was retained from the team that won the bronze medal in Helsinki. Amazingly, the young team wins the 4th place.

Since the Melbourne Olympics, Bandy Zolyomy had in his mind the Games of Rome. Zolyomy kept only four players with Olympic experience, controversially excluding the Legendary Hall of Famer, Cesare Rubini. When the team finished

last at an international tournament in Moscow in 1959, Zolyomy was in a difficult position due to the high expectations for the Olympic Games in Rome. But Sergio Catalani, the team Manager, supports the coach and the players and brings the calm back again and Zolyomy became a hero by bringing back Italy to the top of the Olympic podium. Said Rubini afterwards, “I was not able to swim fast but I could launch the ball fast and with precision. I was old and the coach Zolyomy was friendly and sincere with me. He said to me: ‘Cesare, I have to trust the young players.’ He was right. He won the gold”.

In order to construct a winning team, Zolyomy also had to take other difficult decisions as well. Fritz Dennerlein, one of his best players, a veteran of Melbourne, asked him if he could compete in the swimming competitions as well as in Rome. Zolyomy asked his player to choose. Denner-

lein swam the 200 metres and missed the podium arriving 4th. When Bubi Dennerlein, brother of Fritz and swimming coach of the Italian team tried to convince him to include him in the last game, so that he could stand in the podium, Zolyomy refused once again: "Tell me; Who I should exclude in order to make room for Fritz". Dante Rossi, the goalie of the team tried to convince him as well: "It was easy for him," said Zolyomy. "He was the only one who did not risk losing his position".

In Tokyo, in 1964, Zolyomy retained eight players from Rome and his expectations were high. "In Tokyo, we could defend with honour the title we won in Rome". But the team finished in 4th place and soon after the team's return to Italy, Aldo Parodi, the new elected President of the Italian Federation, replaced Zolyomy with Mario Majoni.

The Italian era of Zolyomy ended with the team of Rari Nantes Camogli in 1965. The team didn't have enough money to pay him and offered him to manage a small service station in order to make his living. In May, 1965 he returned to Barcelona. "I would like the Italians to have a good memory of me" he said in one of his last interviews.

"Zolyomy created in Italy an exceptional spirit of affection for Water Polo" Italian Water Polo legend Eraldo Pizzo, said a few years later.

In 1966, fourteen years after his first Spanish experience, Bandy Zolyomy became the Technical Director of the Spanish Champion Club Natación Barcelona and coach of the National Team.

Later that year, Club Natación Barcelona once again won the National title but Zolyomy was in a difficult position due to the fact of being at the same time the Technical Director of Club Natación Barcelona and the Coach of the Spanish National team. From the very first moment,

Bandy understood that the future of Spanish Water Polo depended upon the development of as many teams as possible and could not rely just on one Club. In 1968, he left the club to become exclusively the National Coach. This was a crucial moment in the History of Water Polo in Spain since it was the first time that the National team could have a full-time coach with no other obligations. This important decision was supported by Juan Antonio Samaranch, future IOC President, who at the time was Head of the Ministry of Physical Education and Sports. Samaranch, appreciating the capacities of Zolyomy was convinced that he could convert Spanish Water Polo into a leading force. "One day, Spain will be number one" says Zolyomy to Samaranch.

The last time Spain participated in the Olympic Games was in Helsinki, missing the 1956 and 1960 Games. The qualification for Mexico passed through a tough Pre Olympic qualification tournament held in Milan in June 1968. The team of Zolyomy had to fight hard in order to gain one of the three tickets available for Mexico.

"Do you believe that in Mexico our team can offer the surprise to finish within the first eight teams?" was the question that a journalist of the Spanish sports newspaper El Mundo deportivo asked Zolyomy. "I don't believe in surprises" responded Zolyomy. "The performance of a team is only a consequence of working hard during training. I am convinced that Spain can be within the first eight teams in the European Championships in Barcelona in 1970. All actual efforts, including our presence in Mexico, are oriented towards this objective".



Bandy with the team of Club Natación Barcelona in 1951.



Bandy with the Spanish Team at Helsinki in 1952.



Spanish Team of 1968 - Back row: Luis Torija (official), Bandy Zolyomy. Middle row L-R: Jorge Borrell, Juan Jane, Manuel Ibern, Vicente Brugat, Juan Rubio. Fron row L-R: Santiago Zubicoa, Luis Meya, Agustin Codera, Juan Escartin, Salvador Franch, Jose Padros. Source: Juan Antonio Sierra; Historia del Water Polo Espanol 1908-1994

In October 1968 in Mexico City, Spain presented the youngest team of the Olympic tournament and finished in the 9th place. Among the team appear two players, who in the future will be related with the most important moments of Spanish Water Polo. Manuel Ibern of CLUB NATACIÓ Barcelona, who as coach of the Spanish team, in the Moscow Olympics coached Spain to 4th place and the 15 year old Juan Jane of CLUB NATACIÓ Barcelona, who led Spain to winning the gold medal of Spain in Atlanta 1996, Olympics.

In 1969, although Club Natación Barcelona once again wins the national championship of Spain, it loses a domestic game for the first time in 57 years, against the emerging team of Club Natación Barceloneta.

In March 1970 the team gains its first important international success by winning 1st place in the "Eastern tournament" held in Belgrade, winning against Germany, Netherlands, Italy, Yugoslavia and France. This is the first important International success for the Spanish Water Polo. Later that year, the Juniors of Zolyomy take 2nd place in the European Juniors Championship held in Rotterdam, while Juan Jane becomes the first scorer of the competition.

In 1971, Club Natación Barceloneta won the Spanish League by defeating twice the eternal Spanish Champion Club Natación Barcelona. Coach of the team is Manuel "Polichon" Ibern who along with the coach of Club Natación Montjuic, Josep Brasco Cata are considered to be the best friends of Zolyomy from the first moment, since they appreciated his efforts to bring change to Spanish Water Polo and enlarge its base.

Zolyomy continued his great emphasis on the young generation of players and the Junior and Youth teams of Spain participated in a series of International competitions with excellent results. At the National level, in 1972, Club Natación Montjuic, with the contribution of Josep Brasco

Cata, won the Championship beating Club Natación Barcelona.

In May 1972 Zolyomy's team participated in the Pre Olympic tournament held in Germany. Spain, with a team that averaged less than twenty years of age, won six out of the seven games and earned the right to travel to Munich, where they finished 10th.



"One day, Spain will be number one," says Zolyomy to Samaranch in 1968.

Andrés Bandy Zolyomy retired from active coaching in 1973 and upon his recommendation, the leadership of the National Team passed Josep Brasco Cata, one of his most loyal collaborators and firm believers of his ideas and work. Bandy never lived to see his bold prediction to Juan Antonio Samaranch in 1968, come to pass, but it did. Andrés "Bandy" Zolyomy passed away on June 5, 1992, in Tossa de mar Costa Brava. Three months later, at the Barcelona 1992 Olympics, Spain played in the final against Italy winning the silver medal. Four years later, the Spanish team, led by the world's best player, Manuel Estiarte and coached by Bandy's prodigy, Juan Jane, won Spain's first Olympic Gold medal.



The Winners At Rome. - Standing L-R: Dario Bardi, Gianni Lonzi, Brunello Spinelli, Sergio Catalani (Technical Director), Geppino D'Altrui, Dante Rossi, Bandy Zolyomy, Giancarlo Guerrini. Kneeling L-R: Amedeo Ambron, Franco Lavoratori, Salvatore Gionta, Gigi Mannelli, Rosario Parmeggiani, and Eraldo Pizzo.





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Andrew “Andy” Burke (USA)

2010 Honor Contributor

INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS (CONTRIBUTOR): TEAM LEADER OF THE OLYMPIC CLUB WITH 11 FINA MASTERS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP MEDALS: 1998 - gold (30+), 2000 - silver (30+), 2002 - gold (35+), silver (40+) , 2004 - gold (35+), silver (40+), 2006 - gold (40+), silver (30+), 2008 - gold (30+), silver (45+), bronze (40+); MEET DIRECTOR 2006 FINA MASTERS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS; SECRETARY USAS: 1978-1988; MEMBER UANA: 1963-1975; MEMBER UANA EXECUTIVE BOARD: 1975-1991.

Andy Burke has been involved in the sports of swimming and water polo as an athlete, coach, team leader, an administrator and a referee for over 60 years. He first competed as a swimmer and water polo player with the Olympic Club of San Francisco in 1945, and has been continuously involved to the present day.



Andy was a member of the USA Olympic Water Polo Committee from 1961 to 1976, Chair in 1961-1965, and elected to the USA Water Polo Hall of Fame in 1982. He served as Secretary for the newly formed United States Aquatic Sports (USAS) from 1978-1988. Andy served on the UANA (Union Amateur Natation de Las Americas) from 1963-1975, chairing the committee from 1971-1975. He was elected to the Executive Board of UANA in 1975, and served until 1991.

Andy was instrumental in organizing Masters water polo in the USA in 1987. In addition to the duties as Olympic Club Masters

Team Leader for water polo, where his teams have won 11 FINA Masters World Championship medals, Andy assisted the FINA Masters Committee in restructuring the water polo competition at the 2004 FINA Masters World Championships and served as Director of Water Polo at the 2006 FINA Masters World Championships at Stanford, California. The Conduct of Championships he developed for the 2006 FINA Masters World Championships serves as a guideline for FINA Masters water polo competitions at the FINA Masters World Championships and he currently volunteers as a water polo consultant to the FINA Masters Committee.

Andy says he has always enjoyed the sport of water polo, the feeling and the people. It has been a labor of love.

“The opportunity to be involved in Masters allowed me to be around the sport, and around the people a bit closer to my age that also had the same feeling for the sports as I had.”

Andy goes on to say that he feels he never really left the sport of water polo, so as for being involved with Masters, he never had to come back....it was just a natural progression.

Andy is a person who has been completely dedicated to serving water polo and the aquatic sports.



Richard Burns (USA)

2010 Honor Swimmer



INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS (SWIMMER): World Points – 663, Pre-1986 points – 23, Total Points – 686; Since 1981, he has competed in seven age groups (35-39 through 65-69); 37 FINA MASTERS WORLD RECORDS.

If there is a common thread to Richard Burns' swimming career, it has been the opportunity to swim on great teams with great swimmers.

Rich grew up in Chicago. His family had a cabin on the shores of Lake Michigan where he spent every summer on the beach. Swimming to the sand bar, which was usually only 25 yards from shore, were his earliest swimming practices.

When he entered New Trier High School in 1957 he followed his best friend to the swim team tryouts and just managed to make the team. That New Trier team emerged as one of the best high school swim

team ever assembled. In his senior year, they placed third in the AAU Nationals behind only Southern California and Indiana. Rich, however, was a 'C' team swimmer through the better part of his four years. A breakthrough swim mid-senior year earned him a 10th place All-American ranking in the 100 back but as the third fastest backstroker on the team, he never swam in a big meet.



He was recruited to Indiana University by Doc Counsilman to join a team comprised of that era's swimming superstars. Olympic Champions, World Record holders, and All-Americans were his teammates, roommates and fraternity brothers. But despite these stellar influences, Rich never achieved personal greatness.

Masters offered the chance to excel beyond what he had realized as a youth. In 1976 he was invited to drop by a local Masters meet. The lure of the pool was compelling. Although he hadn't swum a competitive stroke in over ten years, he borrowed a suit and deck entered the meet. Though the race wasn't pretty he was hooked. He joined coach Marie McSweeney's Tamalpais Aquatic Masters program in San Rafael, California and has been there ever since.



Rich set his first World Records in 1983. Since then he has appeared on the Top 10 list for 23 of the next 25 years. He has set 37 FINA Masters World Records, 22 long course meters and 15 short course meters. He has also been a part of 16 World Record setting relays. Rich's signature stroke is the backstroke but he has also set four I.M. and one butterfly records. He was named one of Swimming World magazine's top six male Masters in 2008 and 2009.

He credits the camaraderie of his teammates and the quality of the competitors in his age group for his motivation and success.

John Conner (USA)

2010 Honor Diver

INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS (DIVER): 1990 FINA MASTERS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: gold (1m, 3m); 1992 FINA MASTERS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: gold (3m), bronze (1m); 1996 FINA MASTERS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: Gold (1m, 3m); 1998 FINA MASTERS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: gold (1m, 3m); 2000 FINA MASTERS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: gold (1m, 3m); 2002 FINA MASTERS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: gold (3m), bronze (1m); 2004 FINA MASTERS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: gold (1m, 3m); 2004 WORLD MASTERS GAMES: gold (1m), bronze (3m); 2008 FINA MASTERS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: gold (1m), silver (3m); 1989 PAN PACIFIC CHAMPIONSHIPS: bronze (1m, 3m); 44 U.S. MASTERS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS: gold (21-1m, 20-3m), silver (9-1m, 12-3m), bronze (4-1m, 3-3m).



This Duke University graduate earned All-American honors in both 1949 and 1950, placed in the top ten at NCAA's, was inducted into the Duke Sports Hall

of Fame and has traveled to five continents. It is all due to his greatest love: Diving. Upon leaving Duke, John Conner joined the Air Force where he flew F-86's with a man named Michael Collins, who went on to join Buzz Aldrin and Neil Armstrong as the third astronaut on the historic Apollo 11 moon landing mission.

After leaving the Air Force, John went on to become the Head Diving Coach at Harvard from 1956 through 1962. After Harvard beat Yale in 1962, for the first time in 23 years, he decided it was time to move on to something else. John went to work for New York Life, where he continues to work today.

John Conner began diving in 1939 when he was a nine year old attending a 4-H summer camp. Seventy plus years later he is still at it – now as a Masters Diver. John's first international competition was in 1988, at the second Masters World Championships in the 50-54 age group and he continues today diving in the 80-84 age group. Within the 11 world competitions in which John competed (one Pan Pacific, six FINA Masters World Championships and four World Masters Games), John has won eight gold and three bronze medals in 1 meter and eight gold, one silver and two bronze medals in the 3 meter. He does not compete in the tower competition. At the U.S. Masters National Championships, he has won 21 1 meter championships and 20 3 meter championships; nine silver and four bronze medals on the 1 meter along with 12 silver and three bronze medals, for a total of 41 U.S. Masters National Championships. Since 1990, he has competed at every FINA Masters World Championships except one in 1994.

John just recently returned from the 2010 FINA Masters World Championships in Goteborg, Sweden where he added to his totals. He placed first on the 1 meter, first on the 3 meter and a respectable third place in the 50+ age group in the 3 meter synchronized diving event with his partner, David Cotton.



One just needs to spend a few minutes with John and his enthusiasm and love for the sport of diving is extremely evident.

Lois Kivi Nochman (USA)

2010 Honor Swimmer



INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS: World Points – 1101, Pre-1986 Points-0, Total Points - 1101. Since 1999, she has competed in five age groups (65-69 thru 85-89). 49 FINA MASTERS WORLD RECORDS

Lois Kivi Nochman grew up in Ann Arbor, Michigan, at a time when girls just didn't compete competitively. She learned to swim as a child because her grandparents owned a summer cottage on a lake. She always loved the water – watching it, moving over it, and being in it. Although, Lois never had the opportunity to compete at the high school or collegiate levels, she was noticed by legendary Michigan Coach, Matt Mann. In Lois, he saw something special and allowed her to join his daughter Rosemary in swimming laps.

In November 1987, at the age of 63, Lois swam competitively for the very first time. To her surprise, she set a couple of state records in the 60-64 age group. Apparently, she developed an appetite for victory because she won her first National title six months later, winning the 100 fly at the 1988 YMCA Nationals. In 1990, she won her first two USMS National titles, in the 1500 meter free and 100 meter fly at the USMS Long Course Nationals, where she aged up to the 65-69 age group. That same year, she received her first world ranking.

Since then Lois has accumulated a total of 74 number one, 61 number two and 50 number three total world rankings. Between 1992 and 2009, she has competed in five FINA Masters World Championships winning 14 gold, six silver and two bronze medals. Swimming primarily butterfly and the individual medley, she has set 49 FINA Masters World Records. On April 21, 2007, eighty-two year old Lois Kivi Nochman received the prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award, given to an individual who has demonstrated outstanding contributions and a lifetime dedication and devotion to the objectives of Masters Swimming in Michigan.



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Lois says “I am surprised and delighted at being listed as a world-class swimmer. My experiences as a Masters swimmer for the past 20+ years have been most fulfilling, and the people I have met and the challenges I have faced. I am not burned out and I still love the water”. Unlike soldiers, Masters swimmers don't fade away, they just keep swimming. “I've seen somebody who's 100 years old at one of our meets.” she said smiling. “My friends say ‘how can you move like that’, because they are limping. I attribute my good health to the swimming.”

Bonnie Pronk (CAN)

2010 Honor Swimmer

INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS: World Points – 949, Pre-1986 Points-0, Total Points - 949. Since 1972, she has competed in 6 age groups (35-39 thru 65-69). 34 FINA MASTERS WORLD RECORDS

As a teen in the 1950's, Bonnie Pronk traveled to Europe, attended the 1959 Pan Am Games and set national records. She trained with Rosemary Dawson at Camp Ak-O-Mak, of the Matt Mann Camps where she received guidance from one of the world's greatest coaches, Forbes Carlile of Australia.

Twenty years later she was back in the pool as a Masters swimmer. Bonnie set a few FINA Masters world records in the late 1970's and early 1980's, but she then took a break and did not compete again for over ten years.



Bonnie returned to the pool again in the mid 1990's and has been in the world's top 10 consistently since 1995. She has set 11 long course FINA Masters World Records and 23 short course records for a total of 34 FINA Masters World Records in the breaststroke, the backstroke and the Individual Medley.

Among her many accolades, Bonnie was chosen as British Columbia's Athlete of the year in 2003, and in 2009 was named the all-time top Canadian Masters Swimmer.

In addition to being a world class swimmer, Bonnie has also served as a coach, author and physical education professor. She has even gotten a taste of what it is like to train and be tested at the USA Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs.

Her current world rankings since 1995 for short and long course combined are 59 number ones; 74 number twos; and 50 number threes. She has competed in all four

FINA Masters World Championships since 2002 winning eight gold and nine silver medals in the backstroke, breaststroke and I.M. events.

Bonnie continues competing and travels the world for aquatic events with her coach and husband, Gary, as well as her teammates from Campbell River Masters.



Barry Young (NZL)

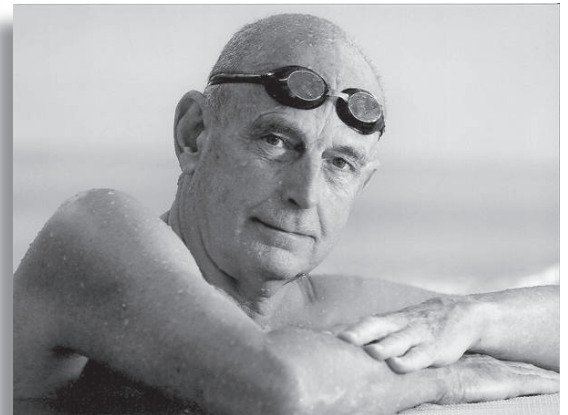
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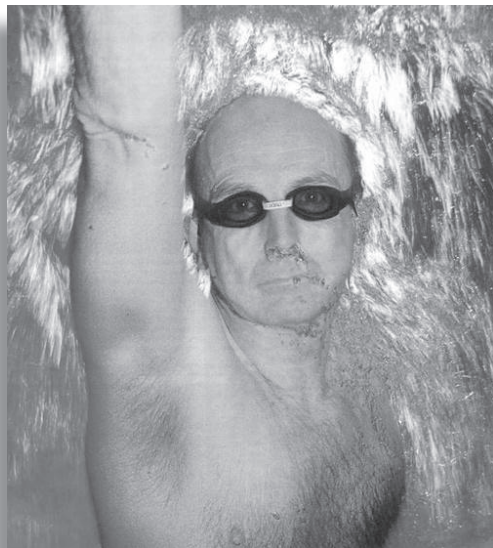
INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS (SWIMMER): World Points – 692, Pre-World points – 0, Total Points – 692; Since 1984, he has competed in six age groups (45-49 through 70-74); 43 FINA Masters World Records. As a teen, this masters swimmer was a member of the South African national swimming squad but had to give up his dreams of swimming greatness when he enlisted in the merchant navy. Little did he know he would MORE than make up for it later down the road!

After retiring from the merchant navy, Barry Young moved to New Zealand, where he began teaching at the New Zealand Maritime School. One day he was talked into swimming on his lunch hour and later into competing in Masters meets. As Barry says, “After that, I was hooked!” In 1984, he

broke his first world record at the first International Masters Swimming Championships in Christchurch, New Zealand at the age of 45.



Barry competes in all four strokes but primarily in backstroke and the individual medley. He has set 43 FINA Masters World Records, 31 long course and 12 short course records from 1984 to the present day.



Barry says Masters swimming gives him the means to continue swimming, thus maintaining his fitness level, on a daily basis. His local club, the North Shore Masters Swimming Club, encourages him to swim with the people in his community. On a National level, Masters Swimming New Zealand organizes competitions around New Zealand and encourages Barry to set goals and targets. Finally, on an international level, FINA Masters and the World Masters Games encourage him to travel overseas and compete and meet people from other countries who have the same passion for swimming as he does.

Beginning with the World Ranking system in 1986, Barry has achieved a total of 36 number ones, 18 number twos and 15 number three total world rankings. Swimming World magazine named Barry in the world top six male Masters swimmers in 2004 and again in 2009. The New Zealand Masters Swimmers named him ‘Swimmer of the Year’ in 2009.

International Masters Swimming Hall of Fame

Selection Committee & Procedure

Selection Committee:

Criteria:

Masters athletes must have competed for a minimum of 16 years, spanning four five-year age groups. The minimum age requirement for beginning consideration is 25 years of age (as established by FINA).

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- 2nd Place – 3 points
- 3rd Place – 1 point

World Records – Fina Masters since 1986, Long Course Meters and Short Course Meters

- Each World Record – 10 points

World Championships – Fina Masters since 1986

- 1st Place Gold – 3 points
- 2nd Place Silver – 2 points
- 3rd Place Bronze – 1 point

USMS Rankings – From 1972-1985

(Serious competition took place in the USA prior to FINA involvement)

- 1st Place – 5 points
- 2nd Place – 3 points
- 3rd Place – 1 point

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INTRODUCTION OF AQUATIC WARFARE AND MILITARY SWIMMING

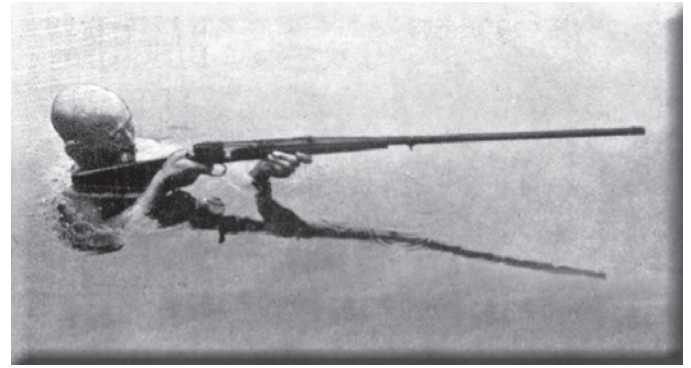
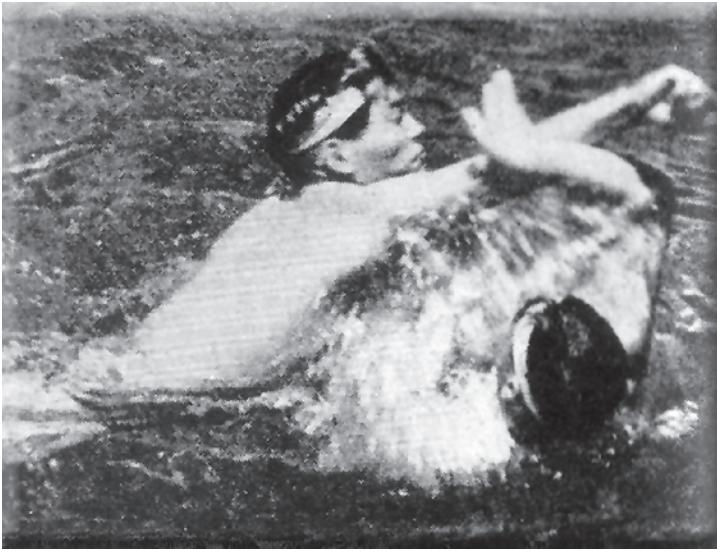
Swimming has played an important role in the history of mankind and in warfare in every century. Egyptian reliefs from 1200 B.C. tell the story of the rout of the Hittites by Ramses II in which the one Hittite is shown swimming with an over-arm stroke to get away from his attackers. Assyrian base reliefs found in Nineveh, dating to the 800's B.C., depict swimmers both attacking and escaping from their enemies in the water. During the Spring and Autumn Period (circa 645 B.C.) in China, a high-ranking official in Qi state named Guan Zhong ordered the building of swimming pools and awarded "heavy prizes" to good swimmers among his "water troops." In ancient Japan feudal clans developed practical systems of swimming so that samurai warriors might move freely in and on the water in order to carry on military campaigns. In Sparta and other Greek states swimming held a prominent place in the daily program of activities. Herodotus tells us that world history might have taken a different turn after the sea battle of Salamis, in 480 B.C. if the Persians were able to swim as well as the Greeks. When Alexander was besieging Tyre in 332 B.C., Tyrian swimmers swam off from the city a great distance, undetected, to tear apart the structure the Macedonians were building to blockade the harbor. The Romans considered aquatic skills essential for legionnaires and swimming in full armor comprised part of their training. Plutarch tells us that in 47 B.C., Julius Caesar swam away from his burning ship carrying important papers in one hand while swimming to safety with the other in a battle at Alexandria. Little

is known about military swimming during the Dark Ages. In one of the first illustrated books, *Re De Militari*, by the Italian Valturius, a soldier is shown crossing a river on a board. Olaf Magnus' *History of the Northern People* (1555) provides several illustrations showing soldiers swimming in armor or crossing rivers on floatation devices and swimming with horses. Accounts from early explorers to Africa, the Americas and Pacific Islands detail the importance of swimming in warfare. Prussian General Ernst Heinrich von Pfuell is credited with establishing the first modern military swimming schools in 1810.

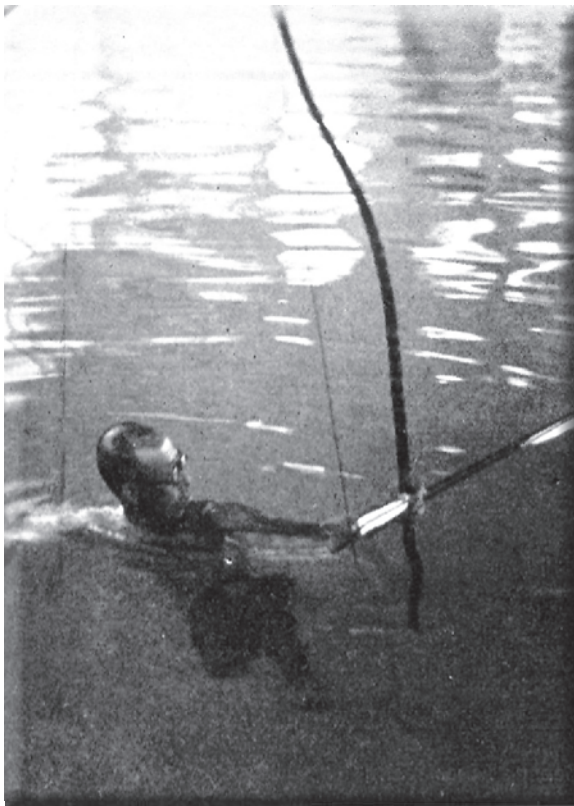
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Assyrian base relief on display at ISHOF depicting swimmers using the crawl and on floats escaping from archers.

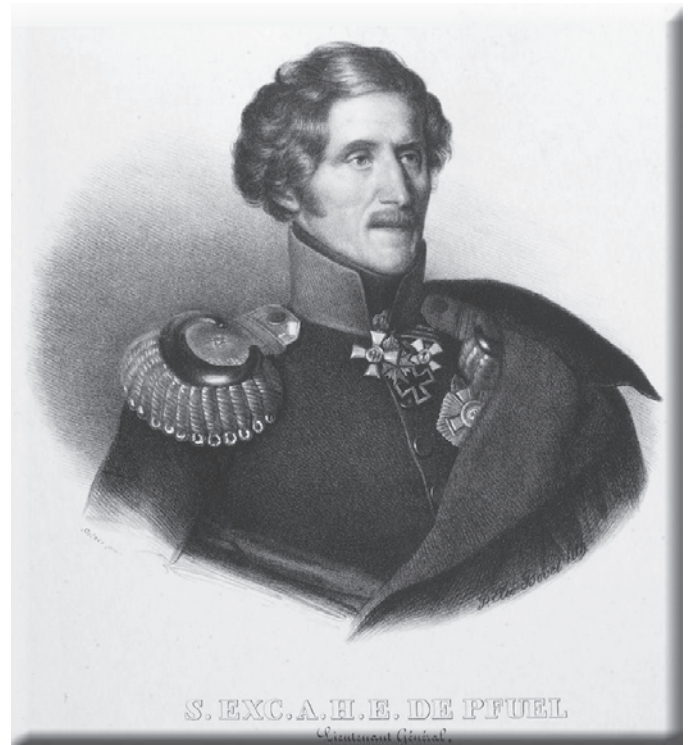


Japanese swimmer demonstrating shooting rifle from the water, using the same technique used by ancients to shoot arrows.



*Photo above:
Samurai aquatic fighting*

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General Ernst von Pffel Father of Modern Military Aquatic Training



Japanese swimmer demonstrating swimming in armor (1930's)



Medieval soldier crossing river on a plank

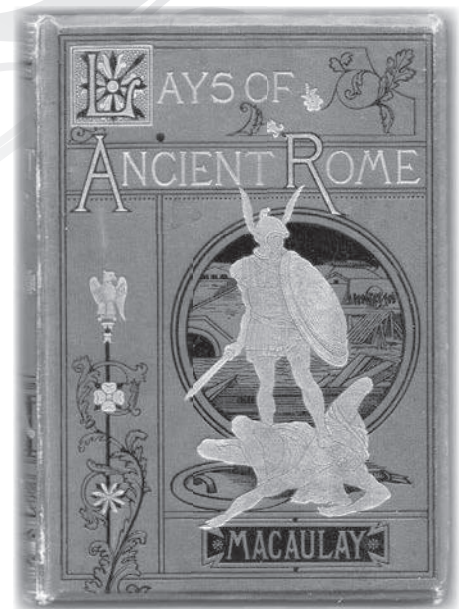
The Legend of Horatius Cocles

The legend of Horatius dates back to the year 509 B.C., when Rome was a small city-state that had been conquered and ruled over for many years by the Tarquin and Etruscan monarchs of northern Italy. But then the Romans revolted and overthrew the tyrannical regime, forcing their oppressors to flee for their lives over the great “wooden bridge” that had been built by Ancus Martius almost a hundred years earlier. This was the famous Sublican Bridge.

Shortly after reestablishing their Republic, the Romans awoke one terrible morning to word that an Etruscan army, under the leadership of a fearsome

General named Lars Porsena, was rapidly approaching from the north, determined to retake the city. When Posena’s forces came into view, the Romans panicked, soldiers deserted their posts and the enemy would have forced their way over the Sublican Bridge if it had not been for Horatius Cocles, a guard at the bridge. He calmed the panic struck mob and with two companions held off the enemy while soldiers and citizens chopped and burned down the bridge behind them. At the last minute, Horatius sent his companions back across the bridge and when it had been completely destroyed, he leaped into the Tiber and swam safely across in full armor to the other side and a well deserved hero’s welcome.

The legend survived in Homeresque ballads until the time of Augustus, when the story of “Horatius at the Bridge” was included in Livy’s “History of Rome.” “Horatius at the Bridge” was memorized by school children and military recruits through the centuries. In American Revolutionary times, the story was told to inspire patriotism in the outnumbered colonists and obvious comparisons were drawn between Horatius and the defense of North Bridge in Concord, Massachusetts. In the mid 1800’s, Livy’s version was replaced by the English Lord, Thomas Babington MacCauley’s “Lays of Ancient Rome.” This work quickly became part of every nineteenth century schoolboy’s curriculum.



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Saga of Ancient Rome

(The Story of Rome's Greatest Hero) by Thomas Babington McCauley, as edited and condensed by Bruce Wigo

Lars Porsena of Cloisium
By the Nine Gods he swore
That the great house of Tarquin
Should suffer wrong no more.
By the Nine Gods he swore it,
And named a trysting day,
And bade his messengers ride forth,
East and west and south and north,
To summon his array.

East and west and south and north
The messengers ride fast,
And tower and town and cottage
Have heard the trumpet's blast.
Shame on the false Etruscan
Who lingers in his home,
When Porsena of Cloisium
Is on the march for Rome.

But by the yellow Tiber
Was tumult and affright:
From all the spacious land
To Rome men took their flight.
A mile around the city,
The throng stopped up the ways;
A fearful sight it was to see
Through two long nights and days.
Just then a scout came flying,
All wild with haste and fear:
"To arms! To arms! Sir Consul:
Lars Porsena is here."
On the low hills to westward
The Consul fixed his eye,
And saw the swarthy storm of dust
Rise fast along the sky.

"Their front line will be upon us
Before the bridge goes down;
And if they win the bridge,
What hope is there to save the town?"

Then out spoke brave Horatius,
The Captain of the Gate:
"To every man upon this earth
Death cometh soon or late.
And how can a man die better
Than facing fearful odds,
For the ashes of his fathers,
And the temples of his gods,

"Haul down the bridge, Sir Consul,
With all the speed ye may;
I, with two more to help me,
Will hold the foe in play.

Then out spoke Spurius Lartius;
A Roman proud was he:

"Lo, I will stand at thy right hand,
And keep the bridge with thee."
And out spoke strong Herminius;
Of Titian blood was he:

"I will abide on thy left side,
And keep the bridge with thee."

"Horatius," said the Consul,
"As you say, so let it be."
And straight against that great array
Forth went the Dauntless Three.
For Romans in Rome's quarrel
Spared neither land nor gold,
Nor son nor wife, nor limb nor life,
In the brave days of old.

Then none was for a party;
Then all were for the state;
Then the great man helped the poor,
And the poor man loved the great:
Then lands were fairly portioned;
Then spoils were fairly sold:
The Romans were like brothers
In the brave days of old.

Meanwhile the Tuscan army,
Right glorious to behold,
March rank behind rank,
Flashing back the noonday light,
Like surges bright of a broad sea of gold.
Four hundred trumpets sounded
A peal of warlike glee,
As that great host, with measured tread,
And spears advanced, and ensigns spread,
Rolled slowly towards the bridge's head,
Where stood the Dauntless Three.

The Three stood calm and silent,
And looked upon their foes,
And a great shout of laughter
From the Tuscan vanguard rose:
And forth three chiefs came spurring
Before that deep array;
To earth they sprang, their swords they drew,
And lifted high their shields, and flew
To win the narrow way;

Aunus from green Tifernum,
Lord of the Hill of Vines;
And Seius, whose eight hundred slaves
Sicken in Ilva's mines;
And Picus, long to Cloisium
Vassal in peace and war,
Who led to fight his Umbrian powers
O'er the pale waves of Nar.

Stout Lartius hurled down Aunus
Into the stream beneath;
Herminius struck at Seius,
And clove him to the teeth;
And Picus brave Horatius
Darted one fiery thrust;
And the proud Umbrian's gilded arms
Crashed in the bloody dust.

Then Ocnus of Faleri
Rushed on the Roman Three;
And Lausulus of Urgo,
The rover of the sea;
And Aruns of Volsinium,
Who slew the great wild boar,
The great wild boar that had his den
Amidst the reeds of Cosa's fen,
And wasted fields, and slaughtered men,
Along Albinia's shore.

Herminius smote down Aruns:
Lartius laid Ocnus low:
Right to the heart of Lausulus
Horatius sent a blow.

But now no sound of laughter
Was heard among the foes.
A wild and wrathful clamor
From all the vanguard rose.
Six spears' lengths from the entrance
Halted that deep array,
And for a space no man came forth
To win the narrow way.

But hark! a cry from Astur:
And lo! the ranks divide;
And the great Lord of Luna
Comes with his stately stride.
Upon his ample shoulders
Clangs loud the four-fold shield,
And in his hand he shakes the brand
Which none but he can wield.

He smiled on those bold Romans
A smile serene and high;
He eyed the flinching Tuscans,
And scorn was in his eye.
Said he, "The she-wolf's litter
Stand savagely at bay:
But will ye dare to follow,
If Astur clears the way?"

Then, whirling up his broadsword
With both hands to the height,
He rushed against Horatius,
And smote with all his might.
With shield and blade Horatius

Right deftly turned the blow.
The blow, though turned, came yet too
nigh;
It missed his helm, but gashed his thigh:
The Tuscans raised a joyful cry
To see the red blood flow.

Then, like a wild cat mad with wounds,
Horatius sprang at Astur's face.
Through teeth, and skull, and helmet
So fierce a thrust he sped,
The good sword stood a hand-breadth out
Behind the Tuscan's head.

On Astur's throat Horatius
Right firmly pressed his heel,
And thrice and four times tugged,
Until he wrenched out the steel.
"And see," he cried, "the welcome,
Fair guests, that waits you here!
What noble Lord comes next
To taste our Roman cheer?"

But at his haughty challenge
A sullen murmur ran,
Mingled of wrath, and shame, and dread,
Along that glittering van.
There lacked not men of prowess,
Nor men of lordly race;
For all Etruria's noblest
Were round the fatal place.

All Etruria's noblest
Felt their hearts sink to see
On the earth the bloody corpses,
In the path the Dauntless Three.

Was there none who would be foremost
To lead such dire attack;
While those behind cried, "Forward!"
Those in the front cried, "Back!"
And backward now and forward
Wavers the deep array;
And on the tossing sea of steel
To and fro the standards reel;
And the victorious trumpet-peal
Dies fitfully away.

Yet one man for one moment
Strode out before the crowd;
Well known was he to all the Three,
And they gave him greeting loud.
"Now welcome, welcome, Sextus!
Now welcome to thy home!
Why dost thou stay, and not turn away?
Here lies the road to Rome."

Thrice looked he at the city;
Thrice looked he at the dead;
And thrice came on in fury,
And thrice turned back in dread;
And, white with fear and hatred,

Scowled at the narrow way
Where, wallowing in a pool of blood,
The bravest Tuscans lay.

But meanwhile axe and lever
Have manfully been plied;
And now the bridge hangs tottering
Above the boiling tide.
"Come back, come back, Horatius!"
Loud cried the Fathers all.
"Back, Lartius! back, Herminius!
Back, before the ruin falls!"

Back darted Spurius Lartius;
Herminius darted back:
And, as they passed, beneath their feet
They felt the timbers crack.
But when they turned their faces,
And on the farther shore
Saw brave Horatius stand alone,
They would have crossed once more.

But with a crash like thunder
Fell every loosened beam,
And, like a dam, the mighty wreck
Lay right athwart the stream:
And a long shout of triumph
Rose from the walls of Rome,
As to the highest turret-tops
Was splashed the yellow foam.

Alone stood brave Horatius,
But constant still in mind;
Thrice thirty thousand foes before,
And the broad flood behind.
"Down with him!" cried false Sextus,
With a smile on his pale face.
"Now yield thee," cried Lars Porsena,
"Now yield thee to our grace."

Horatius spoke not to Lars Porsena
Nor to Sextus did he speak
But turned around, and saw on Palati-
nus
The white porch of his home;
And he spake to the noble river
That rolls by the towers of Rome.

"Oh, Tiber! Father Tiber!
To whom the Romans pray,
A Roman's life, a Roman's arms,
Take thou in charge this day!"
So he spoke, and speaking sheathed
The good sword by his side,
And with his harness on his back,
Plunged headlong in the tide.

No sound of joy or sorrow
Was heard from either bank;
But friends and foes in dumb surprise,
With parted lips and straining eyes,
Stood gazing where he sank;

And when above the surges,
They saw his crest appear,
All Rome sent forth a rapturous cry,
And even the ranks of Tuscany
Could scarce forbear to cheer.

But fiercely ran the current,
Swollen high by months of rain:
And fast his blood was flowing;
And he was sore in pain,
And heavy with his armor,
And spent with changing blows:
And oft they thought him sinking,
But still again he rose.

Never, has there been a swimmer,
In such an evil case,
Struggle through such a raging flood
Safe to the landing place:
But his limbs were borne up bravely
By the brave heart within,
And our good father Tiber
Bare bravely up his chin.

"Curse on him!" said false Sextus;
"Will not the villain drown?
But for this stay, at the close of day
We should have sacked the town!"
"Heaven help him!" said Lars Porsena
"And bring him safe to shore;
For such a gallant feat of arms
Was never seen before."

And now he feels the bottom;
Now on dry earth he stands;
Now round him throng the Fathers;
To press his gory hands;
And now, with shouts and clapping,
And noise of weeping loud,
He enters through the River-Gate
Borne by the joyous crowd.

They gave him of the corn-land,
That was of public right,
As much as two strong oxen
Could plough from morn till night;
And they made a molten image,
And set it up on high,
And there it stands unto this day
To witness if I lie.

It stands in the Comitium
Plain for all folk to see;
Horatius in his harness,
Halting upon one knee:
And underneath is written,
In letters all of gold,
How valiantly he kept the bridge
In the brave days of old.

The Story of Scyllias and Hydna The Swimmers Who Saved Greece

Aegean Sea, 480 B.C.

In 480 B.C., while the Persian land forces were gathering at Thermopylae, Xerxes was making a bold move with his fleet. He dispatched a force of 200 ships with orders to proceed northeast through the Skiathos channel so as to give the impression to the watching Greeks that they were heading north. Once through the channel, they turned south making their way down the long and dangerous eastern flank of Euboea. It was a calculated risk, but one which would certainly pay dividends if they could block the Greek southern sea route, while the main body of their fleet, battle ready after its repairs, would come down on them from the north, this would leave the Greeks no escape and their route cut off from Athens.



On board one of the Persian ships were two Greeks, Scyllias and his daughter Hydna. Scyllias was an expert swimmer and diver who had taught his daughter to swim and dive well into the deepest parts of the sea since infancy. Earlier, they had been hired by Xerxes to recover treasure from a shipwreck. After recovering for the Persians a great part of what had been lost, and at the same time being allowed to keep a good share of the treasure, father and daughter desired to return to Greece. But Xerxes wouldn't let them go, as they knew too much about the Persian plan of attack.

One day, as the ships were anchored and mustering for the attack, a violent storm arose giving Scyllias and Hydna the opportunity to make their escape. But before doing so, they wanted repay the Persians for their hospitality. With knives in hand, the pair dove into the sea and silently swam among the boats, cutting their moorings. Tossed about by the wind and waves, the ships crashed together; some sank and many were crippled.

In what way Scyllias and Hydna contrived to reach the Greeks, the historian Herodotus was not able to say for certain: "I marvel much if the tale that is commonly told be true. 'Tis said they dived into the sea at Aphetæ, and did not once come to the surface till they reached Artemisium, a distance of nearly eighty furlongs (15 kilometers). [One version claimed that they remained under water to avoid detection for so long by breathing through a snorkel-like device that is visible in this painting.] Now many things are related of this man Scyllias which are plainly false; but some of the stories seem to be true. My own opinion is that on this occasion he made the passage to Artemisium in a boat and upon reaching Artemisium, gave the Greek captains a full account of the damage done by the storm, and likewise told them of the (Persians plans).

Thanks to Scyllias and Hydna, the Greeks later defeated the Persian fleet at Salamis, saving western civilization from Persian domination. For their patriotism, statues were erected at Delphi and the statue of Hydna was regarded as one of the great works of ancient art. According to the historian Pausanias, Nero carried of the statue of Hydna to his palace in Rome, so he could enjoy her.

Native American Swimmers at War

The importance of swimming in Native American culture has not received the attention due it, even though its impact on Western history and modern American culture cannot be overestimated. Our knowledge of swimming in the Americas began in 1492, a time when most Europeans did not know how to swim. In contrast, the early explorers and discoverers found a native population that spent their lives on the shores of our hemisphere's vast seas, rivers and lakes, paddling about in their canoes, which were liable to continual accidents which made them dependent upon swimming for the preservation of life. For this reason, children of both sexes were taught by their parents to swim as soon as they were old enough to walk. Native swimmers dove to great depths for oysters and scallops, swam to hunt for fish and water fowl, fearlessly jumped from their canoes onto the backs of whales, with harpoon in hand, and swam to attack or escape from their enemies. There are many eyewitness accounts of native Americans escaping an attack, for example: when the Spanish horsemen attacked the Aztecs on the causeways of Tenochtitlan, "the barbarians (Indians) threw themselves quickly into the water, for like crocodiles or seals, they swim as easily as they walk on land, -- after which they crept along the causeway, emerged from the water, and renewed the fight."



The earliest visual images of native populations engaging in aquatic warfare come from sketches of LeMoyne, an artist who was part of a French attempt to colonize Florida in the 1560s. The illustration at right depicts family from the Timucuan tribe, near present day Jacksonville, Florida, beginning to swim across the St. John's River. The father, a warrior, attached his quiver containing arrows to a hat and held his bow out of the water to keep them dry during the swim.

The second illustration shows the French and their Timucuan allies attacking the Spanish Fort Caroline. While the French crossed the river in canoes provided by the Indians to attack the Spanish, the Timucuan's swam.

American soldiers and his Indian allies, 500 Cherokees and 100 lower Creeks, against more than 1,000 British aligned Red Stick warriors, who were assembled behind a barricade that crossed the neck of a peninsula in the Tallapoosa River, in Alabama. Before the assault, Jackson's Indian allies secretly swam 120 yards across the river where they stole Red Stick canoes, which they intended to use for escape if the battle went badly. Instead, they were now used to transport a mixed force of Cherokee, Creek, and Tennessee Militia back to the peninsula.

The assault began with the Cherokee's leading the way, as described in the contemporary account.

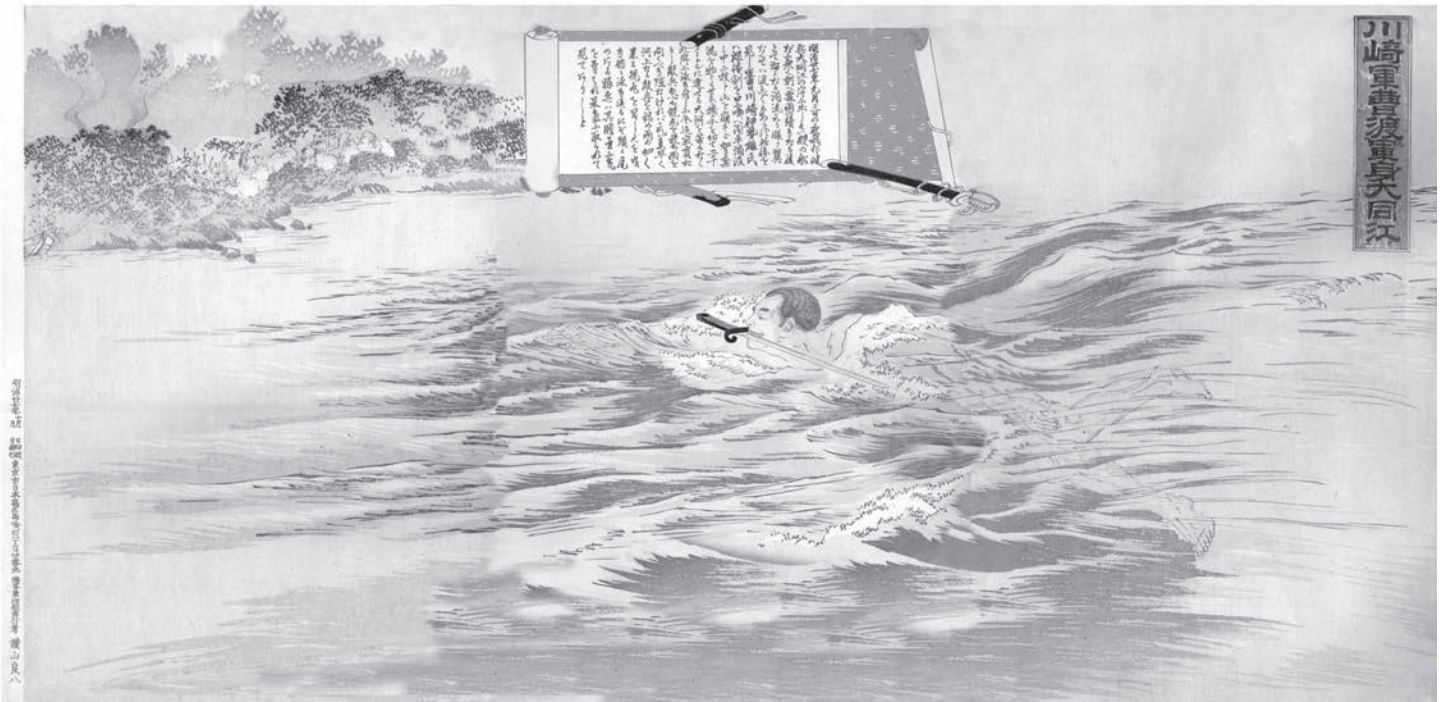
Some dove into the river and began swimming towards the canoes anchored on the peninsula. With covering fire, they crawled under the bank of Horseshoe Bend while the others started swimming the canoes back to the opposite bank for reinforcements. The Cherokee began crossing the river in numbers and mustered on the bank.

With battle cries, they lunged over the breastworks and into the face of the battling Creeks. With attacks coming from the front and a new assault from the river, the Creeks dug in and began the bloodiest fighting of the war. A former Blount County School teacher, Lieutenant Sam Houston, courageously led a Cherokee charge over the breastworks with an arrow penetrating his upper thigh. A young David Crockett and William Carroll were also in the battle fighting furiously in hand-to-hand combat with the Creek warriors.

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Sergeant Kawasaki

Swimming the Taidong (aka Taitang) River



Kawasaki swimming alone with sword by unknown artist, original in ISHOF collection.

In 1894, during the Sino-Japanese war, Sergeant Kawasaki was a scout whose unit was surprised by the advancing Chinese army in Korea. All of his comrades were killed and he managed to save himself by swimming across the Taidong River. He had a second narrow escape when he sent on another scouting mission with a cavalry soldier. On passing through a village, the sergeant separated from his companion for a short time, but when he came back, he only found his companions headless trunk.



Oil on canvas is a reproduction of a Japanese woodblock "war-plate," by the artist Seishu.

The Nile Expedition

British forces Relied Upon Nubian Swimmers

In 1884, an Islamic revolt against British rule in the Sudan had laid siege to the garrison at Karthoum, under the command of General Charles Gordon. The British organized a relief expedition to travel up the Nile River by small boats to break the siege and rescue Gordon.

At Dongola, the 3,000 strong British military forces employed 1500 Nubians to assist them on their journey. During the course of the expedition several cataracts or rapids had to be crossed. The images on the right side of the page and a written record of the crossing were provided to the Graphic by a British officer.

There are two fascinating points about these images and the expedition. First, all of the Nubians were all excellent swimmers while most of the British were non, or poor swimmers, except for an 84 member contingent of native-American Indians from Canada who were specifically recruited to navigate the small boats through the rapids. Second, the stroke used by the Dongola men demonstrates perfect high elbow, double-over-arm crawl stroke technique prior to either the Trudgeon or Australian crawl being used by Europeans.

The image at the bottom shows some of the several hundred Nubians who swam across the cataract. Some of the swimmers carried ropes that stretched a hawser fastened to the shore at a wider part of the river on each side. The boats were attached to the hawser by a pulley and several hundred Nubians pulled the boats across. When one of the boats spilled the British soldiers into the water, the Nubians raced into the water to their rescue, losing only one man.

This journey turned out to be for naught.

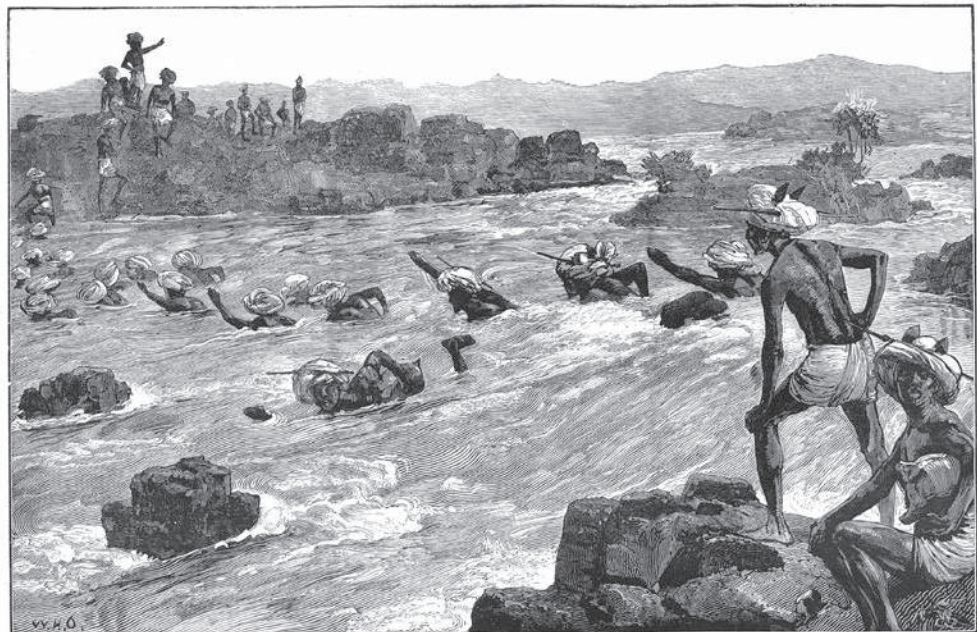
Two days before the relief force arrive, the entire garrison was slaughtered, including General Gordon. His head was cut off and delivered to the leader of the revolt.

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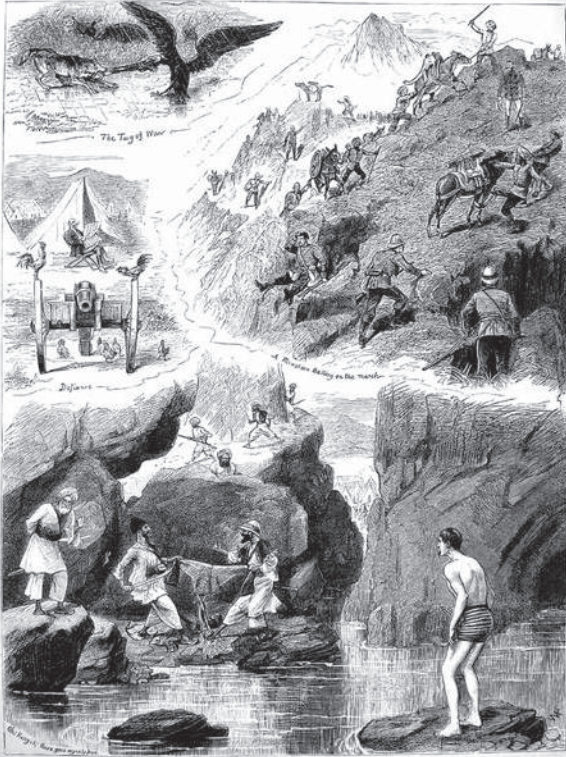
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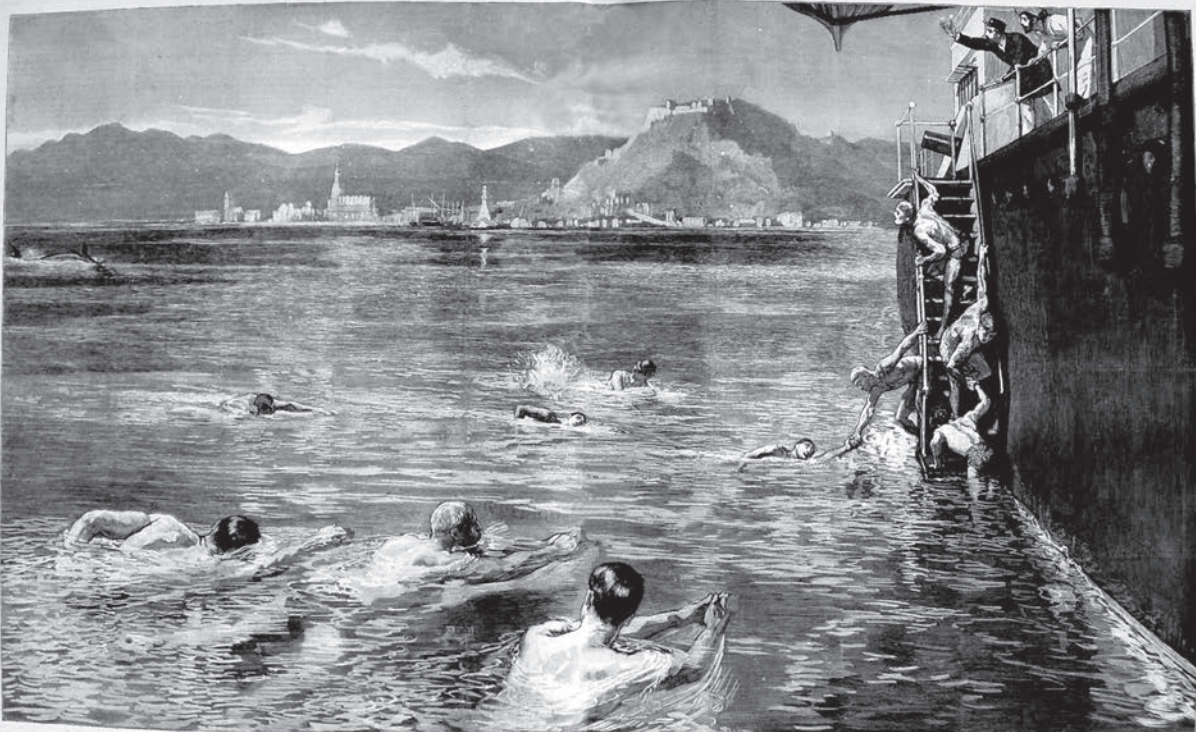
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AN ALARM OF SHARK—AN UNPLEASANT INTERRUPTION WHILST BATHING FROM A MAN-OF-WAR AT MALAGA

DRAWN BY WILLIAM SMALL



FRENCH SOLDIERS BATHING AT NANCY

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A NEW EXERCISE IN THE ITALIAN ARMY
THE "SWIMMERS' SQUADRON" CROSSING THE TICINO



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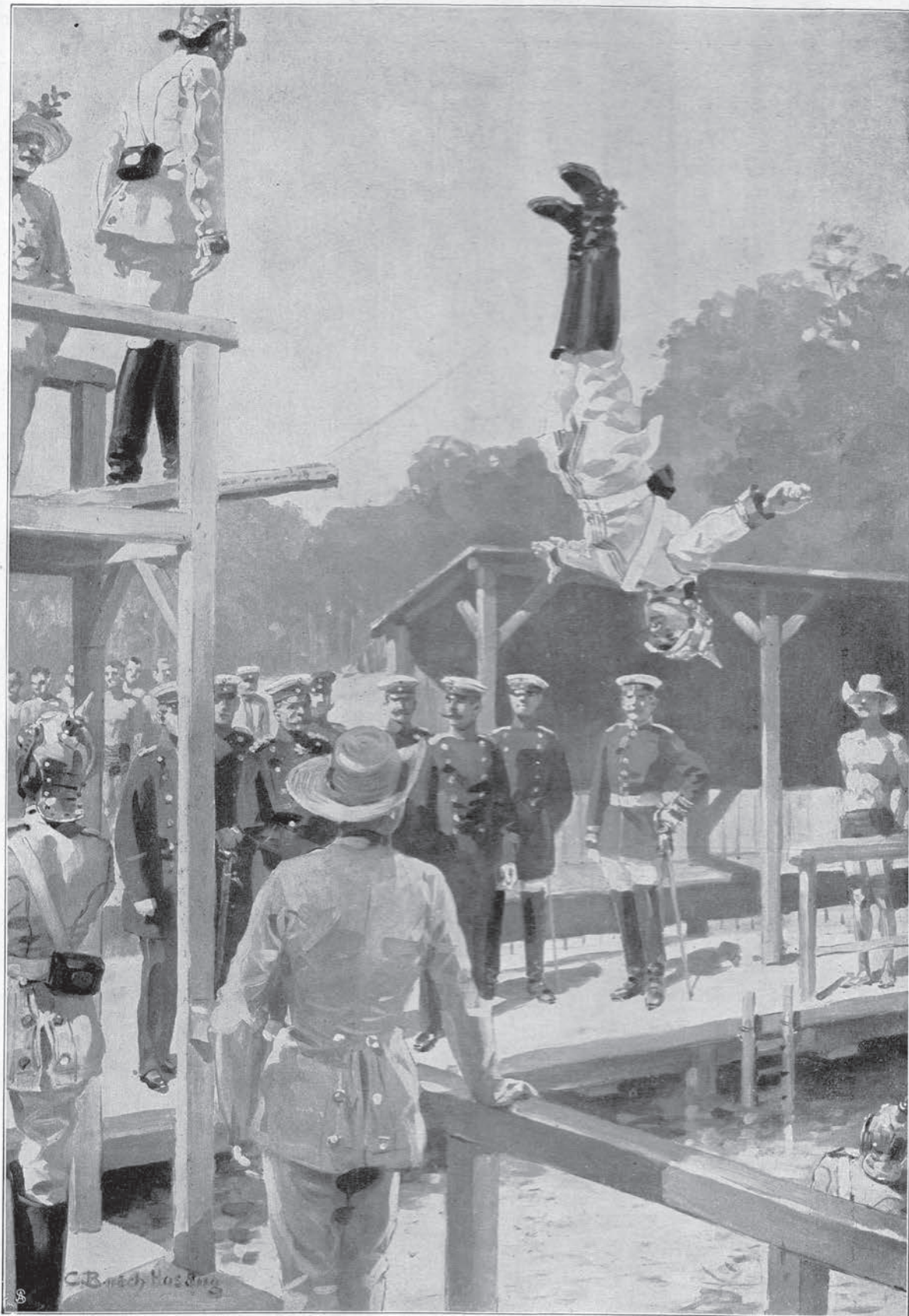
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Diving practice in a German military school as part of a swimming exhibition



Eine Militärschwimmstunde — Einzelunterricht — im vorigen Jahrhundert,
heute haben wir größtenteils Massenschwimmunterricht — oder auch leider noch nicht?!
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A military individual swim lesson - previous century - (reprinted with permission of *Bonsen & Maasch*, Hamburg)

New Zealand's Champion Swimmer Bernard Freyberg

One of the British Empire's "Most Fabulous Soldiers"

Born in London in 1880 and taken to New Zealand as a child, Bernard Freyberg was a strong swimmer, twice winning the national 100 meter championship in 1906 and 1910. Trained as a dental assistant, he dreamed of being a soldier. Denied a King's commission, he left New Zealand in 1914 to join Pancho Villa's revolutionary army and then lit out for London when WWI started. Stranded in Los Angeles, he earned fare to New York by winning a swimming meet. Stranded in New York, he earned fare to London by winning a prizefight. Unknown in London he accosted

Winston Churchill and demanded a commission, claiming to have been a captain in Villa's army.



Sent to Gallipoli, Freyberg literally earned himself immortality with a feat of personal bravery which Sir James "J. M." Barrie (best remembered today for penning Peter Pan) chose as an example for his classic essay, *Courage*.

Courage is the thing. All goes if courage goes. What says our glorious Johnson of courage: 'Unless a man has that virtue he has no security for preserving any other.' We should thank our Creator three times daily for courage instead of for our bread, which, if we work, is surely the one thing we have a right to claim of Him. This courage is a proof of our immortality, greater even than gardens 'when the eve is cool.' Pray for it. 'Who rises from prayer a better man, his prayer is answered.' Be not merely courageous, but light-hearted and gay. There is an officer who was the first of our Army to land at Gallipoli. He was dropped overboard to light decoys on the shore, so as to deceive the Turks as to where the landing was to be. He pushed a raft containing these in front of him. It was a frosty night, and he was naked and painted black. Firing from the ships was going on all around. It was a two-hours' swim in pitch darkness. He did it, crawled through the scrub to listen to the talk of the enemy, who were so near that he could have shaken hands with them, lit his decoys and swam back. He seems to look on this as a gay affair. He is a V.C. now, and you would not think to look at him that he could ever have presented such a disreputable appearance. Would you? (indicating Colonel Freyberg).



Major General Sir Bernard Freyberg, VC, Commanding the 2nd New Zealand Expeditionary Force (New Zealand Division, 2nd New Zealand Division) March, 1943, painting by Peter McIntyre, NZ National Collection of War Art.

The Turks rushed over to repulse what they thought was a big landing force while the British landed further down the peninsula. For this swimming feat, credited with saving thousands of British lives, Freyberg got the D.S.O. (Distinguished Service Order). Later in the same ill-fated campaign, he won the Victoria Cross for leading a charge, although wounded four times. After recovering from his wounds and already a living legend, Freyberg was promoted to Brigadier General in 1917.

After the war, Freyberg lived in England trying unsuccessfully to get elected to Commons and several times to swim the English Channel, once missing by only 400 yards. When WWII broke out in 1939, he was again a hero as commander of the 2nd New Zealand Expeditionary Force.

In the long and illustrious history of British Military heroes, swimmer Bernard Freyberg is one of the most fabulous.

The Dilbert Swimming Posters

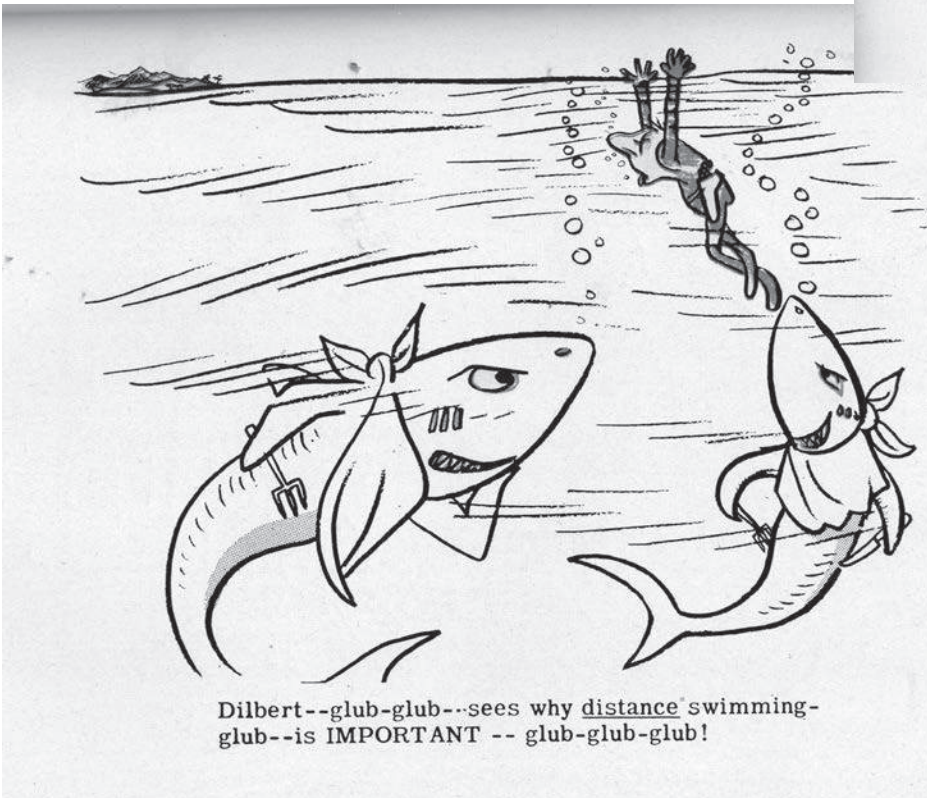
Although Dilbert is best known for the Scott Adams comic strip, first published in 1988, Dilbert was the name of a WWII pilot who never got things correct.



Dilbert discovered why you swim UNDER burning oil instead of through it!

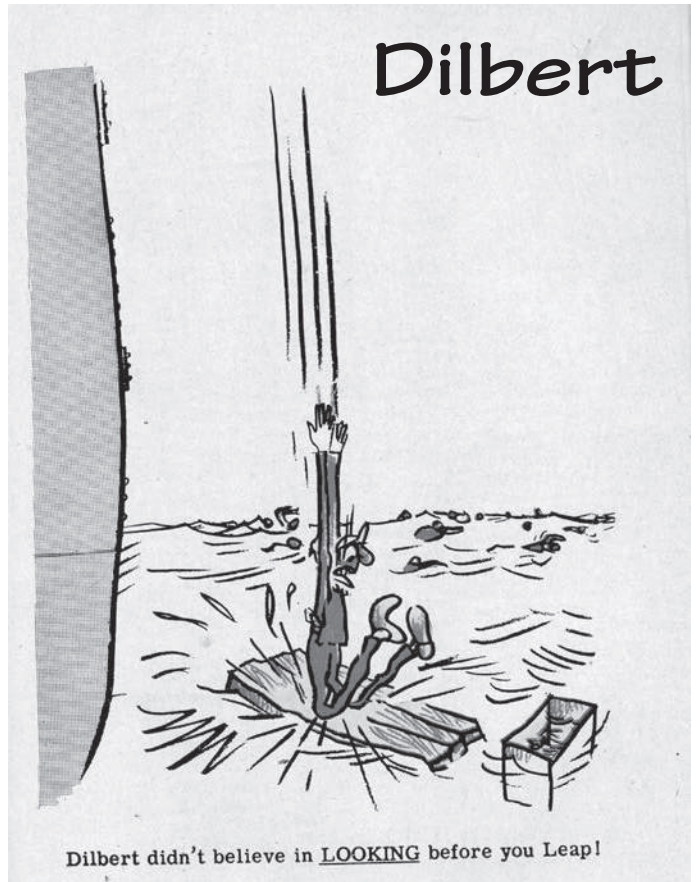
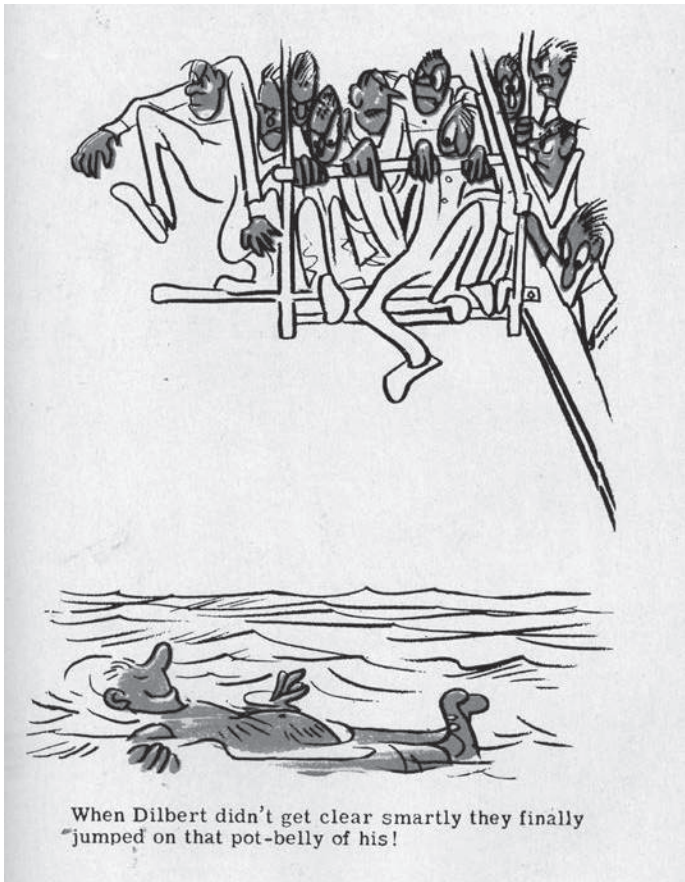


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The Story of Charles Jackson French

By Bruce Wigo

Late one night a few years ago, while Googling information for an article on African American swimmers, I came across a curious footnote to history. Searching the words "Negro" and "Swim" I found a reference to a set of trading cards, one of which was "#129. Negro Swimmer Tows Survivors." It was part of a set of WWII commemorative cards, a sort of patriotic version of baseball cards, printed by a company out of Philadelphia, GUM, Inc. There was no picture of the card, or any other reference. On Ebay I found a number of War Gum cards for sale, but not # 129. So, I contacted a few sellers and card collectors. One was kind enough to send me a scan of the card you see accompanying this article. Now I had other Google clue words: Solomon Islands, U.S.S. Gregory, French, mess attendant for Googling - and the rest of the story can now be told.

French's story first came to light when Robert N. Adrian, a young ensign, told a reporter from the Associated Press about how a powerful 22 year-old Negro mess attendant named French and how he swam through shark infested waters towing to safety a raft load of wounded seamen from the USS Gregory, sunk by Japanese naval gunfire near Guadalcanal. Ensign Adrian was the only one on the bridge to survive and floated over into the water as the ship sank below him. Hearing voices, he found a life raft filled with 24 wounded men. Adrian, though superficially wounded, was able to hang on. "I knew that if we floated ashore we'd be taken as prisoners of war," he said. "Then French volunteered to swim the raft away from shore. He stripped off his clothes and asked for help to tie a rope around his waist and tow them to safety." Adrian told him it was impossible - that he would only be giving himself up to the sharks that surrounded them. "French responded that he was not afraid. He was a powerful swimmer, and swam all night, 6 to 8 hours, until they were eventually saved by a landing craft."

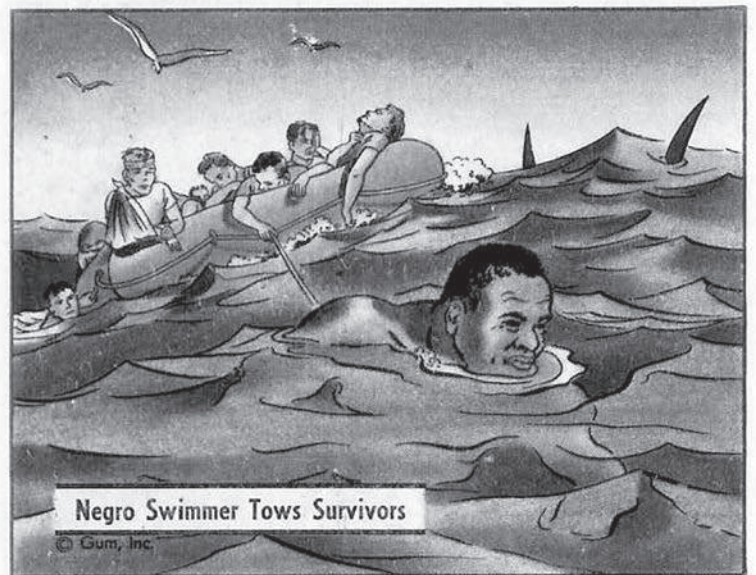
After the story appeared in the papers, Adrian repeated it on a national radio program and Gum, Inc. printed card #129, the world learned more about the heroic swimmer. Charles Jackson French was a 23 year-old orphan from Foreman, Arkansas who had enlisted in the navy in 1937. Described as a "human tugboat," he received a royal welcome from citizens of all races in his sister Viola's hometown of Omaha, Nebraska. He appeared before enthusiastic crowds at bond rallies, and a high decoration seemed assured. However, as in the case of many other African-American war heroes, he would receive a lesser reward than anticipated.

When finally issued in May 1943, it came in the form of a letter of commendation from Adm. William F. Halsey, Jr., then commander, of the Southern Pacific Fleet. It read: "For meritorious conduct in action while serving on board of a destroyer transport which was badly damaged during the engagement with Japanese forces in the British Solomon

Islands on September 5, 1942. After the engagement, a group of about fifteen men were adrift on a raft, which was being deliberately shelled by Japanese naval forces. French tied a line to himself and swam for more than two hours without rest, thus attempting to tow the raft. His conduct was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Naval Service."

The survivors felt that he deserved a higher tribute, possibly the Congressional Medal - or at the least, a Silver Star - but the Gregory episode was complicated by the issuance of a posthumous Silver Star to Lt. Cdr. H. F. Baurer, the ship's CO. Wounded and dying, the skipper ordered two companions to leave him and go to the aid of another crewman who was yelling for help. He was never seen again. By navy standards, it would be nearly unprecedented for a subordinate to receive a higher decoration for an act of heroism comparable to that of a superior.

Later I received an email from the collector who had sent me the scan



129. Negro Swimmer Tows Survivors

After the sinking of the Destroyer "Gregory" off the Solomons, in October, 1942, a raft-load of wounded seamen from the stricken ship was towed to safety by a Negro mess attendant, known only as "French." With a young Ensign and weary seamen clinging to the overloaded raft's sides the frail craft started drifting seaward. It was then that the brave colored man stripped off his clothes and tied a tow-line around his waist. He braved shark-filled waters to bring the raft and its occupants to safety. After six hours in the water the powerful swimmer was sighted by a barge as he neared the shore and the seamen were taken off. The young ensign who reported the brave act had to be hospitalized, as a result of injuries sustained, and thus never learned the full name of the heroic swimmer.

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of the card. There was a mint, #129 for sale. I bought it, had a painting made from the card, which is on display in our museum, and closed the book on Charles Jackson French. But there's always something new on the web and Googling his name again last year led me to the rest of this story.

In 2009, a few chapters of Chester Wright's book, *Black Men and Blue Water*, published by Authorhouse popped up in the web. Wright had been Chief Steward aboard the *USS Princeton* (CV-37) and had met French at a friend's house in San Diego. The following excerpt, re-printed with Wright's permission, recounts their conversation:

French said, "When Gregory was hit by them planes a lot of us got off before she sunk and many of my friends wuz hurt. I was on a raft with some of them and we started drifting towards land. I knowed that if we got close enough them Japs would kill us. They, we had been told, would soon as kill a man already wounded as any body else. So, I being luck enough to not get hurt jes put a line around my middle and started a paddling away from the beach. Then I got the hell scared outta me. I noticed they wuz sharks a circling around that raft a waitin for they dinner. So I thought what's wurse them sharks or them Japs' at least them sharks will be quick. I don't know bout them Japs. They be some mean "mothers." So, I jest keep paddling. I nearly peed on myself when one of them sharks teched my feet. I jes froze and tried to surface and float, git my feet outta the water. They wuz a whole lot of other folks in the water, some of um hurt purty bad." Then French laughed uproariously and said, "I guess them sharks decided to not have "scairt-nigger" for lunch.

Then he changed from laughter to what the author had trouble discerning. It was anger, frustration, then tears. On questioning him, after waiting two minutes or so, he said, in a more subdued, angry voice: "When we wuz picked up and the hurt ones wuz taken to be worked on, we wuz taken to the rest camp with the others. I heard they came up wid some of that "race-shit", that "you a culud boy" mess. I wuz told "you can go over there where the culud boys stay." Then some of the them white boys, what wuz on the raft, and other sailors from the Gregory's crew said "He ain't going no where!" He is a member of the Gregory's crew and he damned well will stay right here with the rest of us. Anybody who tries to take him any where had betta be ready to go to "general quarters (ready to fight) with all of us."

The boy who did all the talking was from either Alabama or Georgia according to French. "So for near on to five minutes there be a standoff, us covered with oil and grime in our hair and all over our clothes, in our eyes, and them clean master at arms folks. We musta looked like wildmen." Anyway one of the master at arms said, "Them fools mean it. Just leave them alone. We got other folk who need help. Them "crackers" retreated, tucked they tails and left!"

This conversation with Charles Jackson French occurred shortly after the Korean War. The author attempted to probe for the cause of such intense emotion concerning an incident that happened years before. French's shoulder shook' tears coursed

down his cheeks. And all the author could get from him was, "Them white boys stood up for me."

French, according to friends residing in San Diego, was claimed by alcoholism, in later years. From close questioning of friends, it would appear that he returned from the Pacific Wars, "stressed out," from seeing too much death and destruction. He was probably discharged with mental problems and left to fend for himself.

The story of Charles Jackson French is all the more significant and remarkable when placed in the contest of American cultural history, naval history and swimming history. For more information about this backstory, see:

http://www.ishof.org/pdf/black_splash.pdf

HERO OF THE YEAR



CHARLES JACKSON FRENCH

Down in history will go the sensational feat of this black sailor, who swam six hours through shark-infested waters in the South Pacific towing the raft-load of wounded sailors to the shores of the Solomons Islands after the destroyer Gregory was sunk by Jap bombs. French today is back on the high seas again.

Photo Credit: Chicago Defender

JOHN F. KENNEDY

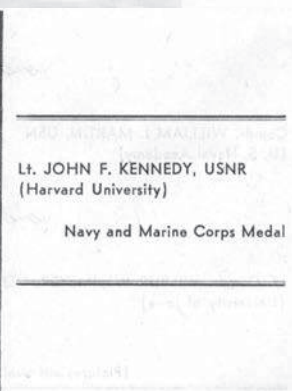
Around two o'clock in the morning on August 2, 1943, John F. Kennedy was in command of torpedo boat PT-109, searching for a Japanese convoy in a channel known as the Tokyo Express off the Solomon Islands in the south Pacific. It was a moonless night and Kennedy's boat was idling on one engine to avoid detection of her wake by Japanese aircraft. Out of the blackness a Japanese destroyer was spotted by the crew heading toward them at a high rate of speed. With no time to get the engines up to speed, PT-109 was cut in half by the destroyer.

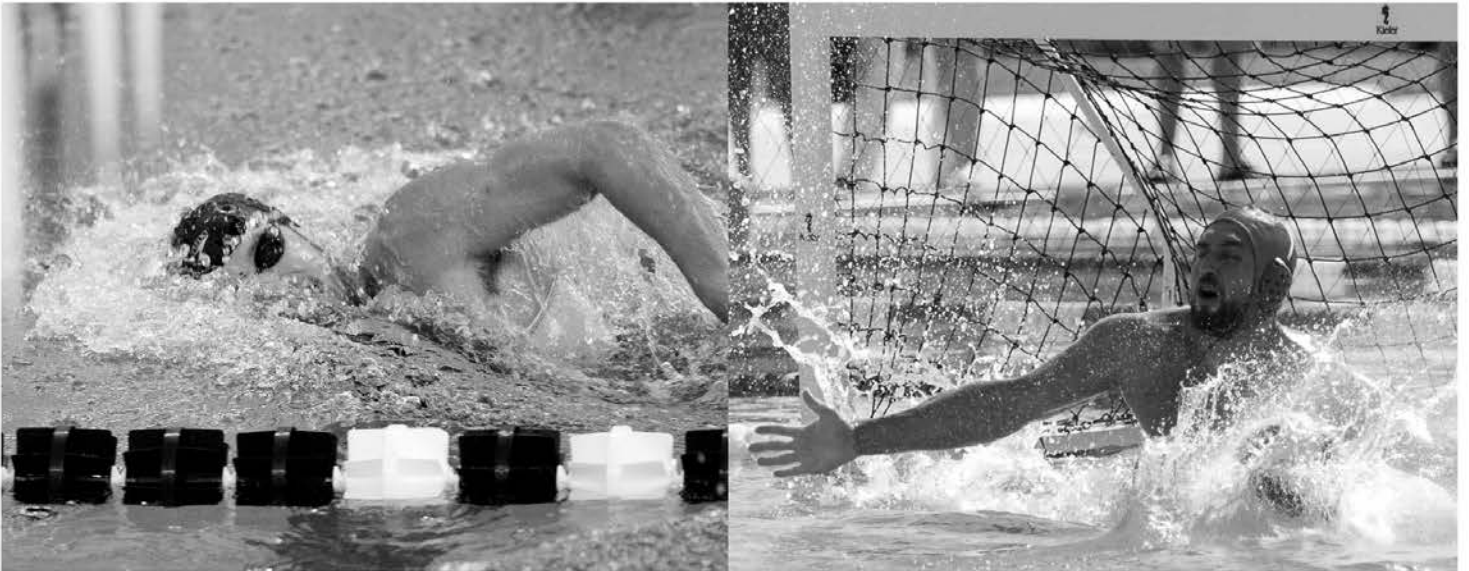


Kennedy, who had swam at Harvard under Bob Muir, who later coached the 1956 US Team, at Melbourne, was at home in the water. He organized the nine surviving crewmen, put non-swimmers on a plank and led them on a four mile swim to a small deserted island, even towing one of the wounded men in a life jacket by a belt through his teeth. The island had no food or water, so Kennedy swam more miles alone in the shark infested waters, first back into the channel hoping to find another PT boat and then to find another island that was more habitable. Finding one, he led the crew on another swim to that island and eventually was rescued.

The Silver Star Kennedy received for his actions helped launch his political career and after he became President, the incident was thoroughly studied and celebrated, becoming a cultural phenomenon inspiring a song, many books, movies, television series and collectible objects and toys.

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Adolph Kiefer: In His Own Words

Swimming Backward – Thinking Forward: The War Years

Adolph Kiefer has received nearly every honor and award that the swimming community has to give. When I asked him to think back upon his life, now at age 92, what he considers to be his life's greatest accomplishment, here is what he said:

You know, I don't often look backwards when I'm not in the water and never gave your question much thought until a few years ago - when a chance meeting with an old retired navy man made me recognize the greatest accomplishment of my life. I was in Athens, Greece as the guest of the Athens Olympic Organizing Committee to discuss supplying some Kiefer products for the Games. At the end of a long, hot day, my wife Joyce and I went to the hotel pool for a swim and then sat down on the lounge chairs to relax and have a cool drink. Sitting next to us was another couple – the navy man and his wife. I like to talk to people and without introducing ourselves we started chatting. 'Nice day?.. beautiful!...Been here before? Many times. Where you from?' yada, yada. After telling us that he and his wife were spending their retirement years traveling the world as tramp passengers on merchant ships, he told me the most incredible story.



'You know, watching you swimming the backstroke in the pool made me think back to the war. I was Captain of the USS and when we were torpedoed by the Japs and sunk, it was the backstroke that saved my life and the lives of many of the crew. It was something we were all taught in basic training. We called it the "Victory Backstroke." It was developed for the Navy by an old Olympic swimmer named Adolph Kiefer. I owe my life to that man. Ever hear of him?'



Well, as you can imagine, I could hardly keep myself from jumping out of my chair and screaming, 'That's me! I'm Kiefer.' But before I could let loose, Joyce shouted, 'He's Adolph Kiefer!' We continued our conversation over dinner and later that evening, long after we said our goodbyes, I realized that for most of my 83 years – that's how old I was then - my life's work has been about saving lives, in one way or another, through swimming. That old captain's thank you made me realize that of all the things I have done in

my life, from helping my mother during the depression, winning an Olympic Gold Medal, establishing a multi-million dollar busi-

ness, having a successful marriage or raising wonderful, productive and happy children, this is what makes me most proud.

Even as a kid I enjoyed helping people learn to swim, but I didn't consider myself to be an expert swimming instructor until I enlisted in the Navy. I was assigned as Chief Petty Officer to teach swimming to Navy recruits at the Norfolk, Virginia Navy Base. Norfolk was also where the survivors of merchant and naval ships torpedoed off the east coast by the Nazis were brought. I was troubled by their stories and by how few of the crewmen survived after they were thrown into the Atlantic. Then I read a report on Pearl Harbor that said seventy-seven percent of all lives lost were due to drowning. This made me realize that the Navy was losing more lives to drowning than to enemy bullets. I couldn't sleep at night because I knew that we were not properly training our men to survive in the water.



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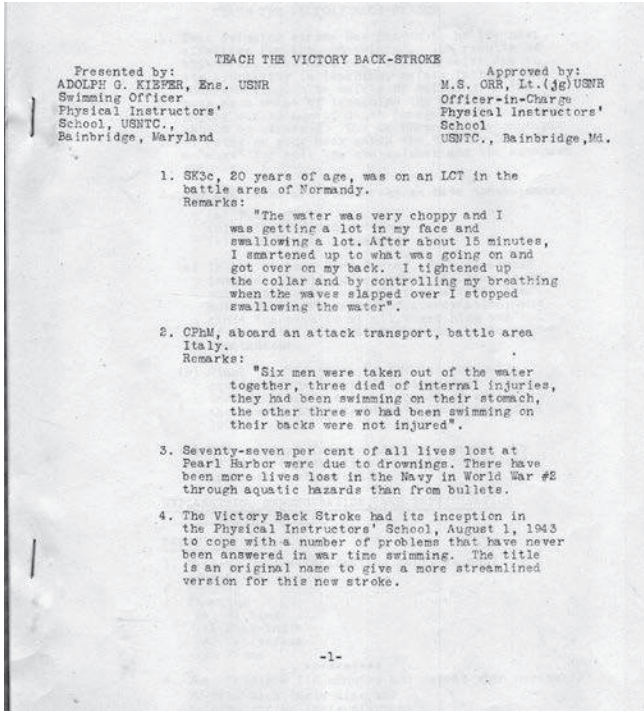
So I called a friend who was a captain at Naval Training Headquarters in Washington and told him my concerns. A few days later he called me back and told me to get on a train and come to the Pentagon. I sat outside a lot of offices, but eventually got to tell my story to an Admiral. I talked for two hours. He listened attentively, but with no show of emotion and he asked me no questions. Finally, he said, 'I've heard enough. Why don't you take lunch and come back in two hours.' I didn't know what to think. I mean I was pretty critical of the Navy swim program? I even wondered if I were going to be court-martialed for going over the head of my superiors at Norfolk?

When I returned to his office, the Admiral greeted me with a smile. 'Kiefer,' he said, 'we want to have your ideas on what the Navy needs to do to protect our men. When you get back to Norfolk, go see the commandant and he will give you any assistance you need.'

When I got back to the base, I was relieved from teaching, given an office, a yeoman, a secretary with a typewriter and devoted myself to reading every life saving manual I could find and researching sinkings and shipwrecks.

One thing I had discovered while instructing sailors to swim is that Fear and Poor Breathing methods were the main reasons we have non-swimmers. I thought back to my first experience

in the water. When I was five or six years old and was playing around the water in a canal when I fell in. I survived by turning on my back and somehow that's how I got back to the shore. I hadn't been taught to swim or to turn on my back. Whether it was serendipitous or instinctive, this simple movement of turning on my back saved my life - and changed my life. From that moment on I always felt more comfortable and relaxed in the water when



I was on my back because I could breathe naturally, didn't have water in my face and eyes in the water and I could see. If we were to start teaching with the backstroke, I believed, fear would be almost immediately eliminated since the head is up out of the water and breathing is natural and spontaneous. This was the genesis of the new program I called 'The Victory Backstroke.'

Armed with the 'Victory Backstroke' and an outline for a longer and more intensive learn-to-swim and water survival program that required sailors to receive 21 hours of aquatic survival training. I was transferred to the new Physical Instructor's School in Bainbridge, Maryland and oversaw the training of over 13,000 naval swimming instructors. These instructors in turn taught over 2,000,000 recruits how to swim and survive a sinking.

There were two things we did that I think motivated and inspired both the instructors and trainees. First, each lecture would begin with stories based on testimonials from actual incidents related to the importance and practicality of the skills that we were teaching. Next, above the entrance to the pools I placed a sign that read: 'Through these doors pass the world's finest swimming instructors.' And they were!

I am proud to say that in the first six months, all squads at the Physical Instructors' School, including seven colored squads of which there were 70% non-swimmers, qualified 100%. When graduates of the Victory Backstroke program hit the water drowning rates were immediately reduced.

Another problem I recognized was the inadequacy of the safety devices in use at the time. Most life jackets, for example, were made of Kapok, a highly flammable natural fiber, also known as milkweed, which was covered with canvas. When Kapok was crushed, it lost its buoyancy. When there was a fire, as there frequently was on ships under attack, both the canvas and Kapok were flammable and burned. This had to be changed and working with many others, I helped design and develop new methods of the encapsulating Kapok with a silicone coating.

After V-E Day (May 8, 1945), I had the chance to inspect the captured German pocket battleship, the Prinz Eügen, and discovered a ring buoy and life preservers made from PVC (polyvinyl chloride). These devices were far superior to what the US Navy was using and I took samples back to Washington. 'This is what we need to save lives on our ships,' I told everyone who would listen. After a short debate, it was decided that the invention of PVC fell under the 'spoils of war' and our government gave grants to B. F. Goodrich, US Rubber and other companies to start production. Soon, the Navy was outfitted with PVC foam ring buoys and inflatable life vests that improved upon what the Germans used. PVC is still being used today in many lifesaving devices such as rescue tubes, swim belts, swim collars.

After my discharge, it was my work with the Navy that led to a consulting job with the American Pad and Textile Co, Greenfield, OH - the nation's largest manufacturer of life preservers at the time. It was this contract that enabled me to afford renting an office, hiring a secretary and starting my business and the rest as they say is history.

Adolph is now 92 years old and still swims and goes into the office every day with his business partner and wife, Joyce. His mind is as sharp as ever and I am convinced one of his many secrets to longevity is that he can't wait to learn something new and invent the next great product or idea to save lives through better swimming.



Three "Super Heroes" of Swimming

Heroics on the waterfront are nothing new for swimmers. Olympic champions and Hall of Fame inductees Duke Kahanamoku, Ethelda Bleibtrey and Johnny Weissmuller among a long list of swimmers who have used their skills in the water to save lives. But of all the more than 700 swimmers whom ISHOF has honored since 1965, the heroics of three stand out above all the rest, for they have received the U.S. Congressional Medal of Honor.

We can't measure swimming greatness between eras, so if Teddy Cann isn't the greatest swimmer ever, only the greatest of his era, no one can prove otherwise -- but the U. S. Navy testifies he's the bravest -- the only congressional Medal of Honor won by a swimmer, for swimming.



Cann was born into a family of accomplished sportsmen. His father was the director of physical education at New York University (NYU), where both Teddy and his older brother, Howard, were multi sport athletes. Topping Teddy's list of accomplishments, before entering NYU, was a victory over the great Duke Kahanamoku in the century race.

In 1914, Teddy's promising athletic career was interrupted by his enlistment in the Navy during the Great War. While serving as a seaman in the middle of the Atlantic aboard the U.S.S. May, the engineering gang found water rapidly flooding the ship via a jammed bulkhead, later it was discovered to have been sabotaged. Cann dove down into the dark, icy water, found the jammed bulkhead and came up. Quickly he grabbed small objects in both hands and submerged deep into the flooded hold, jamming the door shut a little. His shipmates handed him more objects as he dived again and again, risking his life each time but gradually closing off the fatal leak. Finally Cann, near exhaustion, had patched the hole, the ship's pumps sluiced her nearly dry and the ship made it to the Azores for repair. For his heroics and the saving of all lives on board, he was awarded the first Medal of Honor awarded in World War I.

After the war Cann won many honors as a spectacular football halfback, basketball and track athlete at N.Y.U. along side his brother. And while Cann's pre-war performances in swimming had been exceptional, his greatest year was that right after the Armistice. Coached by Hall of Fame great Matt Mann, at the NYAC, he was the first man in the world to break 2:20 for the 200 meters freestyle and he won AAU National Championships in the 50, 100 and 200, becoming the first man to win all three titles in a single year. The next year qualified first in the 100 and 200 meter races

for the 1920 U.S. Olympic Team before a taxi accident broke his leg in 6 places, put him on crutches for more than a year, and left him with a permanent limp. So Teddy missed the chance to go

to the Olympics with his brother, Howard, who had also broken a leg in the accident. Still unable to compete in his best event, hurdling, Howard made the team as a shot-putter instead. Ted never swam another championship race but came back to win an Olympic bronze medal in water polo in 1924 and was still on the NYAC national champion polo teams into the early '30s. "We've had many Olympic gold medals," said the late Bob Kiphuth, "but only one Congressional Medal of Honor. How can anyone be better qualified for the Hall of Fame?"



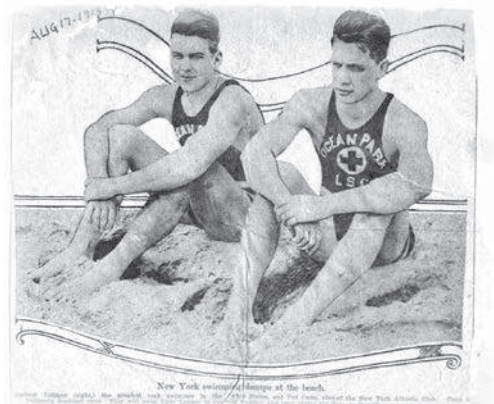
Asked if receiving this medal from Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels was his greatest thrill, Cann said: "No, I believe that would be the gold medal I got when I was 17 for beating Duke Kahanamoku in Hawaii."

Tedford Cann died in January 1963 and



was buried in Arlington Cemetery. He was inducted into the ISHOF in 1967.

There is something about flying that has historically appealed to divers. Perhaps it's the thrill, excitement or that flying maneuvers are so similar to dives. It may just be coincidence, but the sport of diving produced the two most highly decorated American pilots of WWII. The most decorated was Colonel Frank Kurtz, a three time Olympian who won the bronze medal off the platform



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at the Games in Los Angeles, in 1932. But for all of Kurtz's heroics and awards, the honor of winning the Congressional Medal of Honor went another.



After the WW I, most Americans thought future conflict to be unlikely and Depression-era classes at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland passed directly into civilian life. Thus, David McCampbell, the 1931 South Atlantic AAU and 1932 Eastern Intercollegiate Diving Champion,

found himself in construction and aircraft engineering after his graduation in 1933.

In 1934, however, David rejoined the U.S. Navy and became a pioneer aviator in aircraft carrier-based operations.

By 1944 David was now the commander of Air Group 15, in charge of the fighters, bombers and torpedo bombers aboard the carrier U. S. S. Essex. From April to November of '44, his group saw more than 20,000 of combat operations and destroyed more enemy planes (763) and sank more enemy shipping than any other Air Group in the Pacific War. In addition to his duties as commander of the "Fabled 15th",

On June 19th, 1944, David shot down seven Japanese aircraft, to become an "Ace" in one day. On October 24th, 1944, McCampbell and his wingman attacked a Japanese force of 60 aircraft. David shot down nine, setting a single mission aerial combat record and becoming the only aviator in U.S. history to achieve two "Aces" on single days of combat. When he landed his F6 Hellcat, his six machine guns had two rounds remaining and the plane had only enough fuel to keep it aloft for another ten minutes. For his brilliant command of Air Group 15, and for his total of 34 kills he became WW II's "Ace of Aces" and was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor. The International Swimming Hall of Fame honored Captain McCampbell with the Gold Medallion Award in 1986, following in the footsteps of his teammate on the Saunton Military Academy swim team, U.S. Senator Barry Goldwater. Captain McCampbell passed away in 1996 and is buried in Arlington National Cemetery.



Two conflicts later, the West Point graduating class of 1965 was boning up on a remote place called the Republic of Vietnam. A member of that class was Paul "Buddy" Bucha, a two-time All-American swimmer during his three years of varsity competition. At that time, freshmen were not permitted to swim in varsity competition. But as a freshman, Buddy was a member of the West Point 400-yard freestyle relay

team that set the NCAA freshman record of 3:20.6 in 1962. He served as captain of the swim team for two years.



An outstanding student, Paul attended the Stanford University Graduate School of Business, receiving his Master of Business Administration, before being sent to Vietnam in 1967. On March 16, 1968, as captain and commander of Company D, 3rd Battalion, 187th Infantry Regiment, he and his company of 89 men were dropped by helicopter southwest of Phuoc Vinh, in Binh Duong Province. The area was believed to be a North Vietnamese stronghold and Bucha's unit was tasked with seeking out and engaging the enemy forces. For two days Company D encountered light resistance as it cleared North Vietnamese positions. On the afternoon of March 18, the company's lead group of about twelve men stumbled upon a full North Vietnamese Army battalion that had stopped to camp for the night. The lead element came under heavy fire and was pinned down. Bucha crawled towards them and destroyed an NVA bunker. He returned to the company perimeter and ordered a withdrawal to a more defensible position. Throughout the night he encouraged his men, distributed ammunition, and directed artillery and helicopter gunship fire. At one point he stood exposed and used flashlights to direct helicopters which were evacuating the wounded and bringing in supplies. At daybreak Capt. Bucha led a rescue party to recover the dead and wounded members of the ambushed element. During the period of intensive combat, Capt. Bucha, by his extraordinary heroism, inspirational example, outstanding leadership and professional competence, led his company in the decimation of a superior enemy force on the battlefield. His bravery and gallantry at the risk of his life are in the highest traditions of the military service,

Paul Bucha's All-American swimming status rolled over to his All-American character status. His competitive spirit as a swimmer carried throughout his life in the military and the success in private business he has enjoyed since. His honesty and integrity are exceptional, and the International Swimming Hall of Fame was proud to welcome him as its 1997 Gold Medallion Recipient.

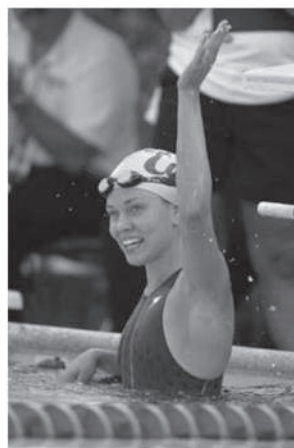


Fort Lauderdale

Making Dreams Come True



Michael Phelps
World Record: 400m I.M.
August 15, 2002: 4:11.09



Natalie Coughlin
World Record: 100m Backstroke
August 13, 2002: 59.58

82 Years of Swimming Excellence

Fort Lauderdale's competitive swimming heritage dates back 82 years to the grand opening of the Casino Pool on January 29, 1928. As the first pool of Olympic size (50m x 20m) in Florida, it remained at the forefront of the swimming scene for nearly half a century, and consequently witnessed a great deal of American swimming history.

In 1965, the City of Fort Lauderdale's Hall of Fame Swimming Pool opened its doors and since then has witnessed 10 world records while serving as host to hundreds of national and international meets. Today the Aquatic Complex is home to the Fort Lauderdale Aquatics, the Fort Lauderdale Dive Team and serves as the Fort Lauderdale Ocean Rescue headquarters.

Congratulations to Hall of Fame Honoree Class of 2010, you are forever a part of our legacy!

Katie Ball	USA	100m Breaststroke	12-28-66
Pam Kruse	USA	400m Freestyle	06-30-67
Andy Coan	USA	100m Freestyle	08-03-75
Mary T. Meagher	USA	200m Butterfly	08-16-79
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Kim Linehan	USA	1500m Freestyle	08-19-79
Martin Zubero	ESP	200m Backstroke	08-13-91
Mike Barrowman	USA	200m Breaststroke	08-13-91
Natalie Coughlin	USA	100m Backstroke	08-13-02
Michael Phelps	USA	400m Individual Medley	08-15-02



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE

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2009 ISHOF Induction at the Marriott Harbor Beach



Yoshi Sugahara (L) shares a laugh with Barbara (C) and Duffy Dillon



'09 Masters Honoree Margery Meyer with 2009 Hall of Famer Jenny Thompson



The Cassidy family.



Dawn Bean (L) with 2009 Honor Contributor Judy McGowan (R)



Gary Hall Sr. (L) presents the 2009 Honor Pioneer Award to Iet van Feggelen (R)



Peter Daland (L), Iet van Feggelen (C) and Forbes Carlisle (R)



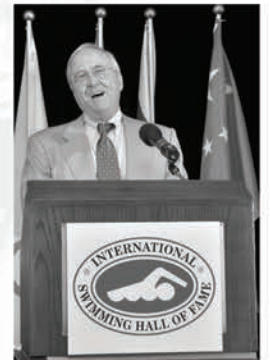
Greg Louganis (L) proudly presents the 2009 Honor Swimmer Award to Jenny Thompson (R)



Heinz Kluetmeier receives the Al Schoenfeld Media Award



Jeff Farrell presents the 2009 Honor Coach Award to Gianni Lonzi (R)



Tim Timken 2009 Gold Medallion



Rowdy Gaines - our fantastic MC with his adorable daughter



Past and 2009 Honorees gathered together for the final picture of the night



Gary Hall Jr. (L) with Jane Katz (R)

2010 ISHOF Induction at the Marriott Harbor Beach



Heinz Kluetmeier, Mike Cavic, Michael Phelps and Bruce Wigo



Michael Phelps receives the City Key from Charlotte Rodstrom & Romney Rogers



Brooke Bennett and Paul Asmuth



2010 Class of ISHOF Honorees: L1R: M. Kisseleva, K. Murphy, P. Asmuth, M. Stephens, G. Harvey (GM), T. Yldefonzo relative, R. Gaines & D. deVarona (MC), B. Bennett, T. Gyarfás, C. Marculescu



Judy McGowan (L) & Maria Kiseleva (R)



Mary Ellen Clark (L) and Heidi Marer (R)



L1R: Mark Schubert and wife Yoko, Ron O'Brien with son Tim & wife Mary Jane



Debbie Phelps (L) & Sherry Friedlander (R)



Marion Washburn & Bruce Hopping



Tiffany Cohen with friend



Jesse Vassallo with wife Bethsabee



Rob Butcher (L) with friend

2009 Paragon and ISHOF Awards



LtR: Bruce Wigo, Carol Zaleski (USA) - Paragon Award Competitive Swimming, Jim Drosdowski



Bartolo Consolo (ITA) Paragon Award Water Polo



Jason Simpson - Paragon Award Competitive Diving pictured with LtR: B. Wigo, D. Hesse, Jim Drosdowski



LtR: Bob Duenkel, Rose Cody - Paragon Award Synchronized Swimming, Jim Drosdowski



Bruce Wigo "skyping" Recreational Swimming Paragon Award Winner Leland Yarger



Roland (L) accepts Leland's Award from Jim Drosdowski (R)



Stathis Avramidis - Paragon Award Aquatic Safety presents a gift for ISHOF to Bruce Wigo



Stathis Avramidis proudly holding his Paragon Award



The Duraflex Diving Award was presented to the Mex. Sw. Fed. by Tom Gompf and Steve McFarland



D. Kunze (L) with B. Dawson Award winner Bob Kerper (R)



LtR: Bruce Wigo, Tom Saldarelli, Susan Grosse - J.K. Williams Award



2009 Award winners LtR: L. Yarger (represented by K. Roland) J. Simpson, St. Avramidis, R. Cody, S. Grosse, C. Zaleski, B. Kerper, Mexican Swimming Federation & B. Consolo



2009 Paragon and ISHOF Awards

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LiR: Jim Drozdowski, Steven Becker (USA) - Paragon Award Recreational Swimming, Bruce Wigo



John Leonard (USA) Paragon Award Comp. Sw.



LiR: Jim Drozdowski, Janice Rude (USA) - Paragon Award Competitive Diving, Bob Duenkel



LiR: Rob McKay, Daniel Zylberberg - Virginia Hunt Neman Award, Steve Graves



Ann Wieser - John K. Williams Int'l. Adapted Aquatics Award



Bob Duenkel with ISHOF Service Award Recipient Marcus Koch



Rusty Owens - G. Harold Martin Award with Bob Duenkel



LiR: Steve McFarland, Eldon Godfrey (CAN) Duraflex Diving Award, Tom Gompf



Chris Brewster (USA) Paragon Award - Water Safety



Eugenio Martinez (CUB) Paragon Award - Water Polo



Mary Ward - Buck Dawson Authors Award with Bruce Wigo



Michael Lohberg thanks ISHOF for hosting a fundraiser to help cover his medical expenses



Michael Lohberg receives a check from his swimmer Leila Vaziri



Bruce Wigo receives a proclamation from Mayor Jack Seiler that declares May 8, 2010 as International Swimming Hall of Fame day

2009 Masters Induction at the Marriott Harbor Beach



The 2009 Masters Induction luncheon took place at the beautiful 3030 restaurant



LiR: Mrs. Clark, Steve Clark, Margery and Marguerite Meyer



Bruce Wigo (L) with inductee Margery Meyer (C) and presenter Drury Gallagher (R)



2009 Inductee Keijiro Nakamura with his honoree panel that is on display at ISHOF



Mr. & Mrs. Nakamura



Class of 2009 Masters Honorees with former Masters and ISHOF Honorees. LiR: Steve Clark, Drury Gallagher, Phil Whitten, Margery Meyer, Keijiro Nakamura, Jeff Farrell, Dawn Bean

2010 Masters Induction in Dallas



Honor Swimmer Richard Burns (L) with Laura Val (R)



Mark Gill (R), our MC for the night, with Bruce Wigo (L)



Honor Diver John Conner (L) happily receives his honors from Tom Hairabedian (R)



Honor Swimmer Bonnie Pronk (L) with presenter Paul Huttinger (R)



Class of 2010 Masters Honorees. L-R: Barry Young, Andy Burke, Bonnie Pronk, Lois Kivi Nochman, Richard Burns, John Conner



Honor Contr: Andy Burke (L) with Phil Whitten (R)



Honor Swimmer Barry Young (L) with Graham Johnston (R)



Honor Contributor Andy Burke (C) with family and friends



Honor Swimmer Lois Kivi Nochman (L) with presenter Barbara Dunbar (R)

2009 Marathon Luncheon



The 2009 Marathon Induction took place in ISHOF's Auditorium.



Maria Luisa Cabanero Sanchez De Leon (ESP) receiving her honors from Montserrat Tresserat



Skip Storch receives his IMSHOF Certificate



Petar Stoychev (BUL) with Dale Petranek



Mike Read receives the Davids/ Wheeler Memorial Award and is very excited about it!



Sid Cassidy introduces the next Honoree.

2010 Marathon Induction



Paul Asmuth, 2010 ISHOF Honoree, accepts Yuri Kudinov's honor.



Andrew Peken (R) accepts the award on behalf of James Pitar



Kevin Murphy (2009 ISHOF Honoree) accepts for Reg & Ray Brickell (GBR)



Chris Guesdon (C), 2010 Davids/ Wheeler Award recipient with presenter and Marathon Hall of Famer Sid Cassidy (R) and Dale Petranech (L)



A very happy Penny Palfrey accepts her Honoree Certificate presented to her by Dale Petranech



Bill Sadlo's son (C) accepts his dad's Pioneer Honoree Certificate from Dale Petranech (L), Bob Duenkel (R)

Recent visitors to the Hall



Relatives of Joe Ruddy



Debbie Muir's son



Relatives of John Marshall



Friends of Budd Goodwin



Joe Rogers Jr. and wife



Ilaria Bianchie (ITA), Olympian



Jim Whelan (Gold Medallion) and wife Kathy



Forbes Carlile with wife Ursula



Forbes Carlile with "lucky visitor" holding a real Olympic Gold Medal



Mr. & Mrs. Schiedemeier looking at archival pictures of their friend Rica Reinisch



Team from Puerto Rico during the International Age Group Meet in June 2010



Team from Brazil in September 2009



Students from Gonzaga University, December 2009

More Visitors to the Hall of Fame



Local Hermine Hoffman at her late husband's panel. Bob Hoffman served on ISHOF's board for many years.



Bruce Wigo (L) with Boxing Hall of Fame Director Ed Brophy (R).



Duncan Goodhew of the 1980 GBR Olympic Team was one of the first visitors to the remodelled front museum.



Jens Lind (well-known Swedish producer) and his girlfriend Anna visit the Hall of Fame in search for information and pictures of Swedish couple Ernst and Greta Brandsten. Marion pulled out old scrapbooks and found plenty of material for the production of his documentary!



Like every year, Bruce Wigo gives informative tours to many different groups. Shown in left picture: Participants of the International Swim Meet (June 2010); Shown in right picture: Participants of "Camp Cavod", an initiative of the Jewish Community Center in Boca Raton.

Events



Members of the 1980 Olympic Boycott Team sign the recently published book "Boycott; Stolen Dreams of the 1980 Moscow Olympic Games".



Mel Stewart interviews members of the 1980 Olympic Boycott Team about their feeling regarding that "missed Olympic opportunity" and their current life



Ryan Lochte Autograph Session



Mel Stewart interviews Ryan Lochte



Olympic great Greg Louganis mentors Jordan Windle of the Fort Lauderdale Dive Team during a special for the Disney Channel

2009 Golden Homecoming with Greg Louganis & Jeanne White



Hundreds of people came to the Hall of Fame on September 13, 2009 to see the return of Greg Louganis's fourth gold medal that had been in possession of Jeanne White (mother of Ryan White) and to support the extension of the Ryan White Act.



Greg Louganis receives the Children's Diagnostic and Treatment Center Award



Last four on Right: Jeanne White, Greg Louganis, Broward Mayor Ken Keechl, Mayor Jack Seiler



Standing ovations from the audience



L-R: Mayor Jack Seiler, Jeanne White, Greg Louganis & Broward Mayor Ken Keechl unveil the brand new exhibit



Among other memorabilia the exhibit shows Greg's 4 Olympic gold medals



Everybody wants to get a picture with Greg.



The next morning ISHOF hosts a press conference to extend the Ryan White Act. Our local Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz, Mayor Jack Seiler and Broward Mayor Ken Keechl give their full support.

In 2009, Congress passed the Ryan White Treatment Extension Act. This bill extends the Act for an additional four years.

Consumer Product Safety Commission Launches National "Pool Safely" Campaign at ISHOF

Olympic greats Janet Evans and Jason Lezak came back to Fort Lauderdale's International Swimming Hall of Fame to help the Consumer Product Safety Commission launch its "Pool Safely" campaign. The CPSC's campaign will provide information and education called for in the Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act, federal legislation signed into law in 2007 mandating new safety equipment requirements for public pool and spas. The national campaign will raise public awareness about drowning and entrapment prevention, promote industry compliance, and improve safety at pools and spas. The new anti-entrapment drain covers and other equipment protect children and all bathers against the dangers of suction entrapment from broken or loose drain covers. Seven-year-old Virginia Graeme Baker drowned when she became trapped on a broken drain cover in a hot tub in 2002. In addition to Hall of Famer Evans and Olympic hero Lezak, Inez Tenenbaum, Chairman of the CPSC, U.S. Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D-FL), the chief House sponsor of the Act and Nancy Baker, the mother of the Act's namesake presented remarks at the press conference held on the deck of the Hall of Fame Pool.



Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz with Janet Evans during News Cast



LtR: Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz, Nancy Baker, Inez Tenenbaum, Janet Evans, Jason Lezak



Inez Tenenbaum, Jason Lezak



Jason Lezak was in high command of the press



Consumer Production Safety Commission Director Inez Tenenbaum (L) & Janet Evans (R)



Jason Lezak with Laurie Marchwinski



After her official part at the pool, Janet Evans takes her time to visit the ISHOF.

2010 Art Gallery Reception



LtR: Steve McFarland, Mayor Jack Seiler & Bruce Wigo



Sid Cassidy (L) with Germany's Div. Head Coach Lutz Buschkow



Friends of Eldon Godfrey admire the artwork



Nort Kruchten (FINA) with his wife



Drury Gallagher & Micki King



Chris Guesdon (C) with wife (L) and Diane Brennan (R)



The Italian Diving Coaches with Ivonne Schmid



Stu Isaac (L) and David Artuck (R)



LtR: Bruce Wigo, Mike Cavic, Cornel Marculescu, Rich Foster



LtR: Rich Foster, Judy McGowan, Dale Neuberger



Marcia Meiners (L) and Janet Lowe (R)



Cynthia Potter (L) and Carol Zaleski (R)

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2010 Michael Phelps & Milorad Cavic Poster Signing



Michael Phelps (L) and Milorad Cavic (C) with "The Touch .01" photographer Heinz Kluetmeier (R)



Milorad Cavic (L) and Michael Phelps (R) sign 500 posters of the famous "The Touch .01" photograph by Heinz Kluetmeier



ISHOF Honoree Donna deVarona interviews Michael Phelps



Bob Duenkel (L), Michael Phelps (C) and Bruce Wigo (R)



Greg Louganis (C) with the two "Mikes"

WHO SAYS I CAN'T SWIM? MILT CAMPBELL, PROVES 'EM WRONG!

By Bruce Wigo, President, International Swimming Hall of Fame

Last spring Richard "Sonny" Tanabe, the legendary Hawaiian spear fisherman, author, member of the 1956 US Olympic swimming team and Indiana University great stopped by the Hall of Fame with his wife Vicki and took a tour of the museum.



Sonny Tanabe (c) with his sons at ISHOF
Photo: ISHOF Archives

"I always wondered why there weren't more black swimmers," Sonny told me, after reviewing our Black swimming history exhibit. "But I knew an African American who was an All-American swimmer back in 1951."

That swimmer was Milton Campbell. In 1953, as an eighteen year old, Milt was named by *Sport Magazine* as the best H.S. athlete in the world and it's hard to imagine any high schooler on the planet who has ever had a superior claim to that title. As a junior, not only had Campbell won the silver medal in the decathlon at the 1952 Olympic Games, but he had also finished fifth in the open high hurdles at the U.S. trials. He scored 180 points for his high school's football team in one season and subbing once for a sick heavyweight wrestler, he took only a minute and a half to pin the boy who would go on to be state champion. On top of that, he was an All-America swimmer. After high school, Campbell went on to star in both football and track at Indiana University, won a few national titles in the high hurdles and capped his amateur career by winning the gold medal in the decathlon at the 1956 Olympic Games in Melbourne, Australia.

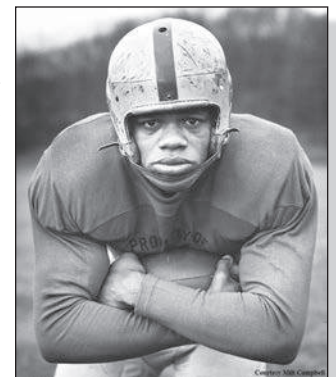
Sonny Tanabe learned about Milt's swimming skills in the fall of 1953 when both were freshmen at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana. One day, when Sonny was swimming some laps with his teammate, fellow Hawaiian and future Olympic swimmer Bill Woolsey, Milt Campbell walked into the natatorium.

"When Milt saw us he walked across the pool and jumped into the lane next to me," recalled Sonny. "He knew Bill and me because we had some classes together and he asked if he could swim a few laps with us. 'Sure,' we both said. You didn't see any black swimmers in those days, so we weren't sure if he was joking or not. Anyway, I told him we were going to do a couple of 50's and he said 'OK.' On my 'go' the three of us pushed off the wall and to our amazement Milt was right there with us at the 25. 'Wow! I mean here were two future Olympic swimmers and he was matching us stroke for stroke. 'You're a damn

good swimmer,' I told Milt when we finished. That's when he told us he had been an All-American swimmer in high school."

Amazing! When I told Sonny I'd like to talk to Milt, he said he'd track him down. True to his word, he emailed me Milt's number and here's the story as told to me by Milt Campbell, in his own words:

"I got interested in swimming when I was a freshman at Plainfield H.S. in New Jersey. I had just finished playing J.V. football and we had an undefeated season. My brother Tom was a junior and a three-sport star in football, basketball and track. He was the star running back for the varsity; I was the star running back for the J.V. squad. Everybody was always comparing me to Tom. While that was flattering I wanted to step out of his shadow and find my own identity. So after football season, I was determined to do something other than basketball. My plan was to see what the other sports had to offer. I had some friends on the wrestling team, so I knew what that was like, so my first stop was to check out the swim team. I knew how to swim because when I was young my dad would take our family out to a canal. He'd swim across, back and forth while my brother and I played in the shallow water. I remember my dad taking us once to the community pool. There weren't any laws preventing us



Milt Campbell high school football star. Photo: Courtesy Milt Campbell

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from being there, like in the south, but it was clear we weren't welcome. That's why we went swimming with other black folks in the canals and rivers. Anyway, it wasn't until I was a little older and went to summer camp that I learned to swim. I learned from watching the older boys and when I tried to imitate them, they would encourage me by moving their arms and yelling, 'Stroke your arms! Stroke your arms!' I was a good copycat and that's how I learned to swim. So, there I was sitting in the stands when one of the swimmers, a white boy, comes up to me and asks me what I'm doing in the pool. 'I'm thinking about joining the swim team,' I replied.

'We've never had a colored boy swim for us,' he said. 'I don't think you can swim.' I asked him why he thought that. He said, 'because all the waters in Africa are infested with crocodiles so your people never took to the water.' I looked at him and said, 'what the hell does that have to do with me? I was born in Plainfield.' I'm not African, I thought to myself. There aren't any crocodiles in the waters of New Jersey. What did he mean, 'your people?' My father knew how to swim and so did I. Whenever someone has told me I can't do something, it has be-



Coach Liske second row far right - Photo: Plainfield Public Library

come my mission in life to prove them wrong. That has always been my strongest motivation. It's a concept I now lecture on: It's not important what you say to me, it's important what I say to me.

Anyway, as the boy walked away and these thoughts were racing through my mind, the coach walked over to where I was sitting. Coach Victor Liske was, at 40 years of age, in the prime of his Hall of Fame coaching career that ended in 1966 with a record of 266 wins, 84 losses, 2 ties and 5 undefeated seasons. As a kid he had lost a couple of fingers and most of his left leg in a train wreck. He walked with a noticeable limp because of his prosthesis. But that didn't hold him back. He played baseball and was a record setting backstroker in high school and was captain of Lafayette College's swim team for the 1932-33 season.

What brought me into the pool? he asked. I told him I was thinking about joining the swim team.

'That's great!' he said. 'You've got big hands, big feet - you're a great athlete - you'll make a great swimmer!' And I could tell he meant it.

'What event do you think you'd like to swim?' he asked.

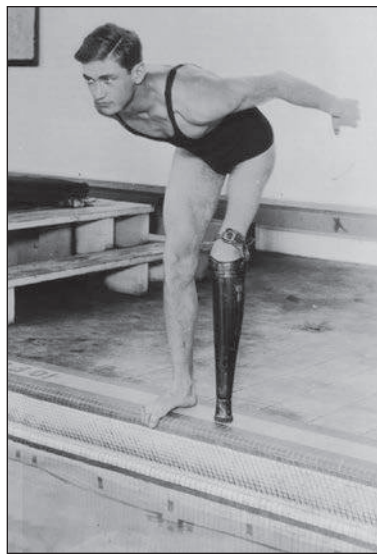
Well, I'd never seen a meet so I was kind of at a loss for words. Then it hit me.

'You know that boy I was just talking with?' Coach nodded. 'What does he swim?'

'Sprint freestyle. He's our top sprinter.'

'Sprint freestyle! That's what I want to do,' I said.

Now when I say I knew how to swim, I did know how, but not very well. I swam with my head out and knew nothing about



Coach Liske - Photo: ISHOF Archives

racing techniques, or starts and turns. But Coach Liske saw my potential and worked with me. I remember he had me do a lot of drills with a board. Progress was slow at first, but he was a good, patient teacher and I was a quick learner.

Our pool at Plainfield was shallow at one end and deep at the other. Sometimes after practice coach would bring out a ball and we'd play water polo. I was pretty big in comparison to the other boys, even as a freshman, and was pretty much unstoppable in the shallow end. Everyone would jump on me; sometimes even my own teammates would jump on me and try to pry the ball out of my grasp. It was really great fun. Finally they figured out the only way to get the ball out of my hands was to drag me to the deep end and hold me under water. I was afraid and panicked when I got dunked and didn't have my feet on the bottom, so I'd let go of the ball. This goes back to an incident when I little. A kid jumped on my back in a canal and I almost drowned. Coach saw the panic on my face and a few days later told me stay after practice.

Coach Liske was totally unselfconscious about taking off and putting on his prosthetic legs. While I waited, Coach got changed and put on his peg leg and joined me at the edge of the deep end. 'Get in,' he said, jumping in after me. When we got out into the middle of the pool he told me to dunk him. 'Go ahead, dunk me!' So I dunked him!

'No, really, tackle and dunk me like we're in a water polo game.' So I tackled him, held him under and then shoved him to the bottom of the pool. When he came up twenty feet away from me, he explained that when I dunked him he just



Milt Campbell (l) - Photo: Plainfield Public Library

held his breath, relaxed and went down to the bottom. Then he pushed off and returned to the surface. 'Don't fight, they're going to sink you,' he said. 'Find another solution to the problem.' It was his way of teaching me about life through sports. Funny thing, after I learned to be comfortable when tackled in the deep water, the team stopped asking to play polo.

At the end of my first year swimming I was second to that boy who didn't think I'd make the team. But the next year I broke all his records. Our team went undefeated and I swam the anchor leg on Plainfield's All-American medley relay that won the Eastern Championship. I didn't swim my junior year because I was preparing for the Olympics trials and my senior year I was focused on getting a scholarship for football and track, so there was no time to swim again.

Sounds like you had a great experience with Coach Liske. Can you tell me more about him?

He was like a guardian angel to me. A fantastic man and I loved him dearly. I felt pretty much the same way about my track coach, Harold Brugiere. I was really blessed by having these two men-

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tors. It's funny I would feel that way, because I remember when I was young my dad told us to be careful around white men – that we shouldn't trust them.

I never heard Mr. Liske berate or speak badly of anyone, but if you messed up, he made sure you learned a lesson. Here's one example of what I'm talking about. I had a lot of friends on the wrestling team and after swim practice I would wander into the wrestling room and fool around, wrestle with the guys. One day, the wrestling team had a match against Jefferson High. It was a big match. I wanted to see it so bad that I told Mr. Liske I was sick and couldn't swim that day. He said 'OK, go home and get some rest and I'll see you tomorrow.' Instead of going home, I went up through a back stairwell and entered a back door to the gymnasium so I could watch the match. I was near the locker room and when the door opened I could see our heavyweight throwing up. When coach Rosy came out I asked him what was the matter. 'Oh, he's just nervous. He'll get over it,' he said. 'Well, if he doesn't get over it and you need me, I'll do it,' I told him. 'Thanks Milt, but you'd get hurt. This Jefferson guy's a killer. One of the best in the state.' Well, as it looked like the match was going to down to the last weight class, the coaches were talking about forfeiting the heavyweight class because guy's problem was more than nerves, he was really sick. So the assistant coach starts in on coach Rosy. "Milt's strong as an ox and I've seen him wrestle with the boys after our practice. What have we got to lose?" Finally, Rosy relented, 'Ok, get him dressed.'" Well, I pinned the guy in one minute and 28 seconds and Plainfield won the match. That guy went on to win the state title by the way. When I got to school the next day, I was a hero. Everybody was congratulating me in the hallways on the way to my first class – which was math with Mr. Liske. Unlike everyone else in the school, Mr. Liske wasn't happy to see me. As we took our seats and got out our books, he sternly said: 'put your books away! It has come to my attention that we have a liar in our midst.' He then proceeded to lecture us on the virtue of honesty in a way that I felt obligated to apologize to him before the whole class. I never felt so bad. Here was a guy who had been so good to me and I lied to him. When the bell rang to dismiss the class, I couldn't wait to get out of that room, but Mr. Liske called me over. Oh No! Not more, I thought. But instead of being mad, he patted me on the back and said, "great job!" I was forgiven and at swim practice that afternoon all was well again!

I stayed in contact with Coach Liske over the years and when he was in failing health in 2008 I visited him often and he would cry every time he'd see me. I told him if he kept crying I wasn't going to visit him any more. 'You don't need to cry when you see

me,' I said. 'Think about the good times we had.' 'That's why I'm crying,'" he said. On one of my last visits before he passed away at the age of 98, we had a good laugh over the time we beat the Army Plebes 40 -35, by winning the last relay on which I was the anchor and came from behind to win the race. We sang on the bus all the way home, from the time we left West Point to the time we pulled into the high school parking lot. It was one of those days you, your team and your coach never forget.

We talked a little about why more African Americans aren't swimming and Milt understands the problem. It's all in the mind. We have to change people's mental attitude. I had the example of my father who was a good swimmer and then I had coaches who helped me to believe anything was possible.

As the greatest athlete of his generation, I wondered why Milt didn't receive the same commercial success and public recognition as other Gold Medal decathletes that went before or after him. Milt wasn't movie star handsome like Bob Mathias or Rafer Johnson, but I believe, like many social historians, that it was because America wasn't ready for black man to have the title of the World's Greatest Athlete. Add that to the fact that he married a white woman at a time when half of the states had anti-miscegenation laws and you can see why Milton Campbell is a forgotten hero. I can only imagine what kind of swimmer or water polo player Milt Campbell might have been, or the impact he might have made on our culture and the widely accepted stereotype that "blacks can't swim" had he continued swimming. Listening to Sonny Tanabe and Milt tell their stories, and reading what coach Liske told people for over fifty years, I'm convinced that if Milt stuck with swimming he could have been an Olympic Champion in our sport too!



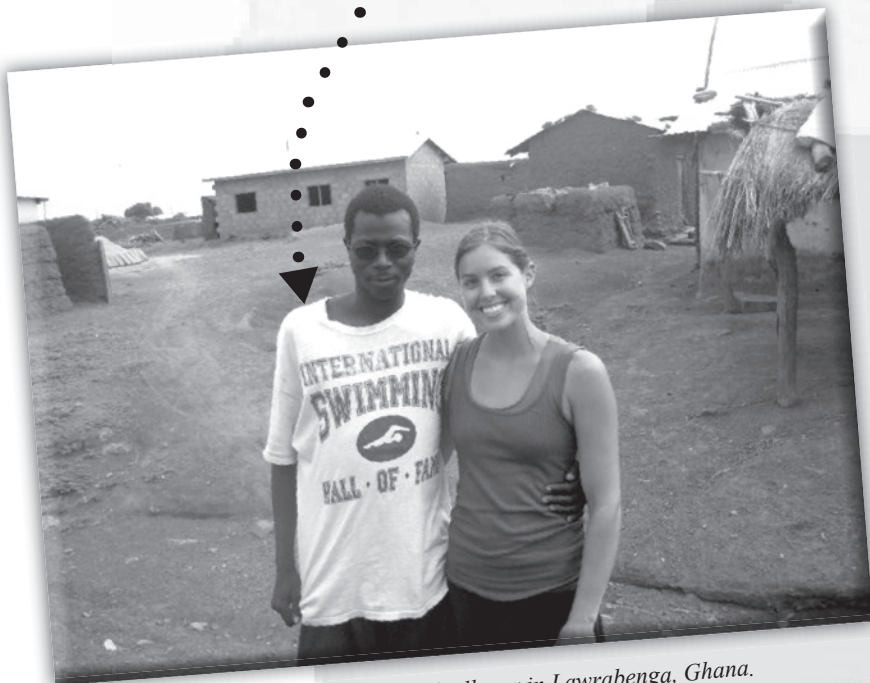
Milt Campbell 1956 commemorative stamp
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In 2008, former Ft. Lauderdale and University of North Carolina swimmer, Barbara Thomas, was walking through a remote village in northwest Ghana. To her amazement, there was a man wearing an International Swimming Hall of Fame t-shirt – and since no one would believe her, she had a friend take this picture. To give you an idea of how remote this area is, from Accra – the capital of Ghana- take a 6 hour bus ride to Kumasi – the largest city in Ghana, then a 16 hour bus to Lawra – a small village in the North, then an 1 ½ hour drive down to Kawrabebga.

Barbara, is the daughter of USS International referee Jay Thomas and his wife, USMS swimmer Ann. Barbara was in Ghana with a group of students from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, participating in “Project Heal.”



Swimmer Barbara Thomas, with a local villager in Lawrabenga, Ghana.

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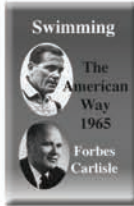
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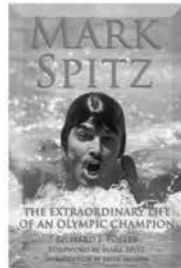


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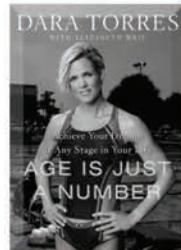
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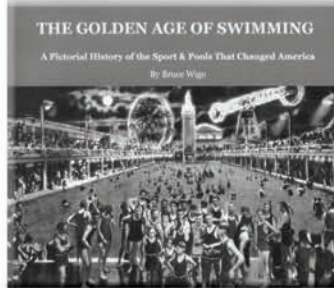
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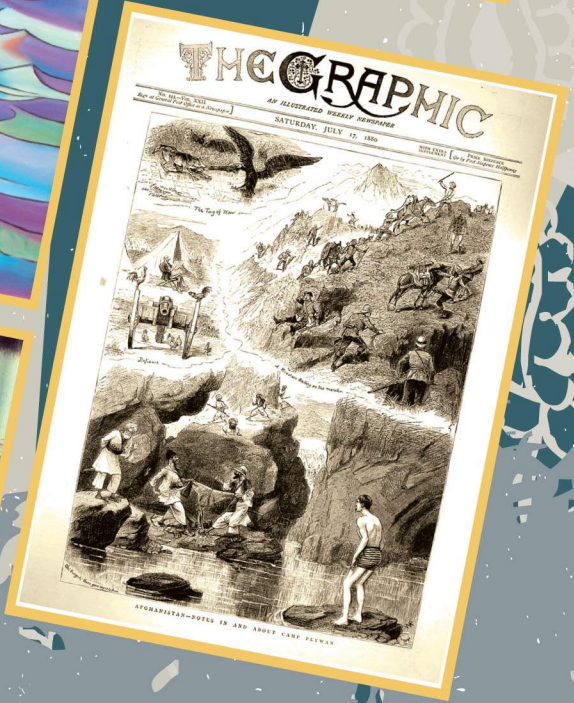
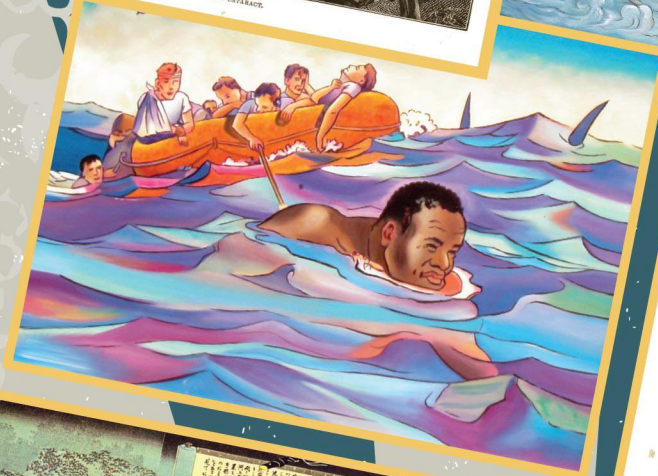
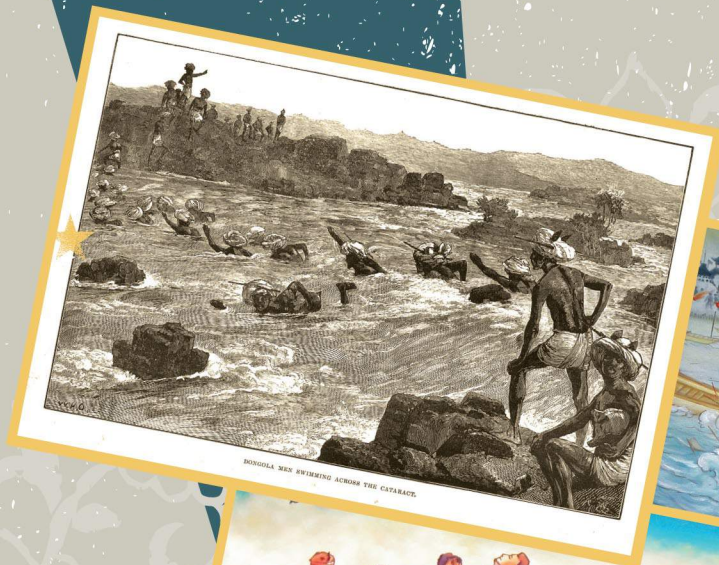
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