## Swimmer Mike Schmidt

Mike Schmidt is recognized as the greatest third baseman in the Major League Baseball history. Playing for the Philadelphia Phillies from 1972 to 1989 he was a 12x All Star, won 10 Gold Glover Awards, 8 National League home run titles, led the league in RBIs 4 times and was the 1980 World Series MVP. He was elected to the National Baseball Hall of Fame in 1995.

Less well know is that in his youth he was a competitive swimmer, diver and lifeguard at the Phillips Aquatic Club in Dayton, Ohio – a swim club owned by his grandfather and managed by his parents.

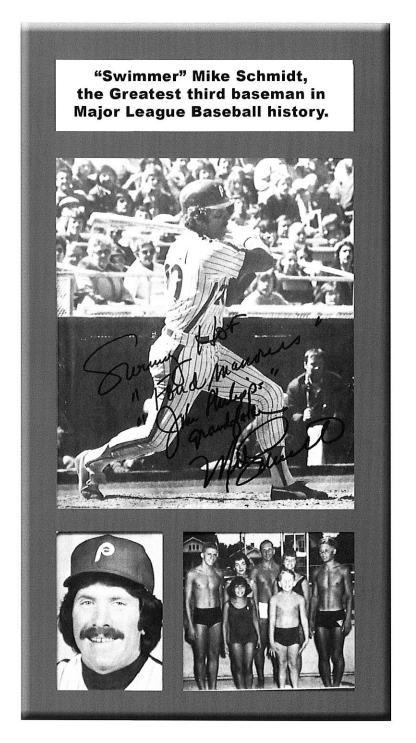
Originally known as the Phillip's Boat and Bath House, it was opened in 1865 by Charles A. Phillips on the Great Miami River near the Helena Street bridge. The business featured a floating, dock-like pool, and was very successful. Then in 1899 a nearby dam broke and washed the recreation spot away. The Phillips family then moved and rebuilt it in 1901 in the old



North Dayton neighborhood of Leo Street near Keowee, Fate stepped in again, and all that the built family wiped was away in the great Dayton flood of 1913. Charles Phillips and his

son, Edward, and grandson, John, rebuilt and started over again, and before long Lois Phillips Schmidt, the daughter of John Phillips along with her husband Jack Schmidt headed up the organization. Lois and Jack's son Mike Schmidt, the all-star Philadelphia Phillies baseball great, worked at the pool during summers when he was a young man. Sally Schmidt, Mike's sister, married Ron Mahrt who was the general manager of the club until the club was sold and closed in 2009.







Mike Schmidt, Swimmer and Philadelphia Phillies Baseball Hall of Famer, autographing memorabilia for the International Swimming Hall of Fame. Mike's grandfather owned and operated the Phillips Aquatic Club in Dayton, Ohio and was a longtime member of ISHOF.