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James E. “Doc” Counsilman
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James E. “Doc” Counsilman was one of the greatest swimming coaches of all time and a man who knew the important role history has in influencing the future. At the peak of his coaching career in the 1960’s, Doc found the time to become the founding President of the International Swimming Hall of Fame, the first amateur sports hall of fame to be erected and the first International hall of fame in any sport. Doc saw the Hall as an important vehicle to promote water safety and better swimming through education and inspiration. His hall would do this through the use of interesting interactive displays of sound and motion that told the remarkable stories and science of swimming - and through publications like the annual hall of fame yearbook. ISHOF is reviving and dedicating this year’s Annual Yearbook in his honor.

Doc brought our Indiana University teams to train to the Hall of Fame over the Christmas holidays and under his, and Buck Dawson’s leadership, the Hall was a wonderful and inspiring place to visit. It is a great honor for me to follow in Doc’s giant footsteps as Chairman of the new ISHOF Board of Directors and I can think of no better way to honor his memory than to revive Doc’s dream and to restore ISHOF to its important and esteemed position in the global aquatic community. I am proud of what our staff and new board have accomplished this year, but swimming’s official shrine depends upon your support. Please join us in our efforts to fulfill Doc’s vision of creating a shrine that we can all be proud of by becoming a member and/or by making a tax deductible donation to your International Swimming Hall of Fame.

Mark Spitz, Chairman of the Board

Swimming Hall of Fame President, James E. “Doc” Counsilman, reviewing architectural plans for the Swimming Hall of Fame, at the old Casino Pool in 1964.

The International Swimming Hall of Fame’s Chairman of the Board, James E. “Doc” Counsilman, at Indiana University with the future Chairman of the Board, Mark Spitz, in 1971.

The “elbow high” symbol was used throughout Tokyo, during the 1964 Olympic Games, to point the way to the swimming pool as a sign understandable in any language. The international simplicity and beauty of the design made it a significant choice to symbolize the Swimming Hall of Fame, when it was founded in 1965. The globe, flags and FINA insignias represent the time since 1968, when the FINA Congress, meeting in Mexico City, officially voted our shrine as an International Swimming Hall of Fame.
Remembering
James E. “Doc” Counsilman at
the International Swimming Hall of Fame

From top left / clockwise:
1. With three-time Olympian Gary Hall, Sr.
2. Swimming in a masters meet.
4. On the deck.
5. Outside the NEW Swimming Hall of Fame with fellow board member and honoree John Higgins.
6. Receiving a gift from Javier Ostos, President of FINA.
What makes the International Swimming Hall of Fame Unique?

Swimming is unique among all other sports in that it is not just an enjoyable recreational activity, but it is an essential life skill that can save your life or help you save the life of others. The World Health Organization has estimated that as many as 500,000 people drown each year and in many parts of the country drowning is one of the leading causes of accidental death among school age children. In fact, drowning causes so many deaths that it is frequently classified as a disease. But this is one disease that has an almost 100% foolproof cure – swim lessons.

When a parent buys a child a baseball glove, football or basketball, they may be thinking “Hall of Fame” someday. But, when a parent buys their child a swim suit and signs them up for swim lessons their primary concern is water safety. They also know that swimming is a sport that can provide health benefits and be enjoyed for their child’s lifetime. That’s what makes the sport of swimming and the mission of the International Swimming Hall of Fame unique among all other sports Halls of Fame.

The mission of the International Swimming Hall of Fame

Our mission is to promote the benefits and importance of swimming as a key to fitness, good health, quality of life, and the water safety of children. We will accomplish this through operation of the International Swimming Hall of Fame, a dynamic shrine dedicated to the history, memory, and recognition of the famous swimmers, divers, water polo players, synchronized swimmers, and persons involved in life saving activities and education, throughout the world, whose lives and accomplishments will serve to inspire, educate, and be role models for all those who participate in the Hall of Fame’s experience and programs.

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Before General Douglas McArthur’s returned to the Philippines, before he was the Supreme Allied Commander in the Pacific theater during World War II and before he lead the United Nations forces in the Korean War, he was president of the United States Olympic Committee. In 1928 McArthur presided over the US Team at the Olympic Games in Amsterdam. One of his favorites was 12 year old diver, Dorothy Poynton, who became the youngest Olympic medalist in history when she won the bronze medal in the women’s springboard event. Dorothy won the event in both 1932 and 1936 and was inducted into ISHOF in 1968. When the Swimming Hall of Fame incorporated in 1963, Dorothy Poynton and other prominent swimmers asked McArthur to pen a verse in honor of the Hall. He graciously responded with the following verse “Dedicated to the swimmer’s Hall of Fame.”

In these halls of sanctuary
Hallowed with luster of victory
Tablets of fame
Will blaze with each name
And scroll each deathless deed
Of water and sea.
While time will repeat
With each sounding beat
Such champions
From our ranks to lead
Will always be.

(R): General Douglas McArthur with 12 year old future International Swimming Hall of Fame diver Dorothy Poynton at the 1928 Olympic Games.
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75 FINA Masters World Records

Joe Bottom (USA) – Honor Swimmer
Olympic Silver Medalist - World Record Holder

Flip Darr (USA) – Honor Coach
Coach of Swimmers winning eight Olympic Medals

Carlo Dibiasi (ITA) – Honor Pioneer Coach
Coach of Divers winning nine Olympic Medals

Tom Dolan (USA) – Honor Swimmer
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Jane Asher (GBR)
2006 Honor Masters Swimmer

FOR THE RECORD (SWIMMER): World Points - 1859, Masters Pre-1986 points – 0, Total Points – 1859; Since 1983, she has competed in four age groups (55-59 thru 70-74); 75 FINA MASTERS WORLD RECORDS; 30 FINA MASTERS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS; FIRST MASTERS SWIMMER TO HOLD ALL THE WORLD FREESTYLE RECORDS IN HER AGE GROUP – short course meters and long course meters – simultaneously.

Jane Asher was born in ‘Nkana, Northern Rhodesia in 1931, but grew up in South Africa, loving the water and having swimming access anytime, anywhere. At the age of 22, in 1953, she moved to Britain to take a post-graduate diploma in personnel management at Manchester University. She swam on the university swim team and realized the swimming advantage she had had as a child living in South Africa. The children of Britain did not have the same access to water privileges Jane had, as during World War II and shortly before her arrival, Britain’s beaches were covered with barbed wire, and pool swimming time was at a premium. Jane started to work as a teacher and coach of school children in her area, beginning with the very basics of the sport.

By 1980, she had set up her own private team. While parents waited for their children during training sessions, Jane thought they could spend their time better in the water than on poolside. Thus began the nucleus of the first Masters swim club of the Amateur Swimming Association (A.S.A.) of Great Britain.

Jane became the catalyst and organized the setting up of the East Anglian Swallow Tail (E.A.S.T.) Club for Masters. Many of the swimmers not only were coached by Jane in this new club, they had been coached by her years before in high school.

In 1992, she and a few E.A.S.T. members successfully ran a seminar specifically for Masters. She started a training camp in the French Alps, maybe the first for Masters at high altitude.

Since 1986, as a world-class Masters swimmer, she has set 75 FINA Masters World Records in the freestyle, I.M., backstroke and sprint butterfly events in the 55-59 through 70-74 age groups. She has won gold medals 30 times at FINA Masters World Championships, 30 at Masters European Championships, 6 at Masters Pan Pacfics, and 95 at British Masters National Championships. She has set 76 Masters European Championship records and 117 British Masters national records. She has gold medals at the National Championships of Britain, Scotland, Wales, France, and Holland. When she turned 70 in 2001, she traveled Britain and Europe to try to swim every long and short course event available. The results – she broke all the British records and a whole lot of World and European records too. Even after total hip replacement in 2002, her times continue to drop.
FOR THE RECORD: 1976 OLYMPIC GAMES: silver (100m butterfly); TWO WORLD RECORDS: 100m butterfly, 4x100m freestyle relay; 1973 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: gold (4x100m medley relay, 4x100m freestyle relay), silver (100m butterfly); 1978 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: gold (100m butterfly, 4x100m medley relay); NINE U.S. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS: short course (100y freestyle, 100y butterfly, 4x100y medley relay, 4x100y freestyle relay), long course (50m freestyle, 100m butterfly, 4x100m medley relay); NINE NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS: 50y freestyle, 100y freestyle, 100y butterfly, 4x100y freestyle relay, 4x100y medley relay.

Since his win at the 1972 Olympic Games in Munich, Germany, Mark Spitz’s 100m Butterfly World Record had stood for 10 years when Joe Bottom broke the record of 54.27 setting a new time of 54.18. In the process, he had to beat East Germany’s Roger Pyttel at the DDR-USA Duel meet, also in Germany, this time in Berlin. Bottom had been the silver medalist in the event a year earlier at the 1976 Olympics in Montreal.

Coached by George Haines at Santa Clara and Peter Daland at USC, Joe stood at 6’ 41/2” with an easy-going demeanor on land, but as a fierce competitor in the water. He won the 1978 Berlin World Championships 100m Butterfly after taking the silver in the same event at the inaugural 1973 World Championship. Because of the U.S. Olympic Boycott of 1980, he was unable to compete in his prime-time Olympic year.

At USC, he currently holds the sprint 50 yard freestyle school record at 19.70, almost 30 years after he set it in 1977. He has five NCAA individual titles to his name and has the third fastest 100y freestyle and sixth fastest 100y butterfly times in school history. He won nine U.S. National Championships between 1974 and 1980.
Flip Darr (USA)
2006 Honor Coach


Every swimmer needs a coach who is unique to him or her, a coach who understands the swimmer’s personality, is able to instill motivational qualities of hard work and self-respect and has the ability to teach stroke technique and race strategy. That’s the relationship Flip Darr had with his swimmers.

As a national level coach for over 25 years working with the Californian teams of Phillips 66, Huntington Beach Aquatics and Irvine Novas and with Hall of Fame coach Don Gambril, Flip played a significant part in developing Gary Hall, Sr., Shirley Babashoff, Steve Furniss, Valerie Lee, Mike O’Brien, Dan Jorgenson and John Mykkannen. Their efforts led to swimmers earning 16 world records, eight Olympic medals, nine World Championship medals, three Pan American Games medals and 31 U.S. Swimming national titles.

He placed swimmers on the Olympic Teams of 1968, 1972, 1976 and 1984. He served as U.S. coach of the 1975 World Championships Women’s Team, the 1991 World Championships Open Water Team, the 1974 USA vs. DDR Duel Meet and meets with Japan and Argentina.

Flip is known as one of the first coaches to bring the use of hand paddles into mainstream swimming.
Carlo Dibiasi (ITA)
2006 Honor Pioneer Coach

FOR THE RECORD: ITALIAN NATIONAL DIVING CHAMPION and 1936 OLYMPIC DIVER; 1960’s, 1970’s and 1980’s ITALIAN TEAM: Coach; COACH of TWO OLYMPIC DIVERS: Klaus Dibiasi and Giorgio Cagnotto.

Carlo began his diving career as a competitor in the 1930’s winning many Italian National Championships and competing on the 1936 Olympic Team. His personal participation prepared him to become Italy’s diving coach.

Known as “Papa” Dibiasi he developed his son, Klaus Dibiasi and Giorgio Cognotto, two of the greatest divers during the 1960’s and into the 1980’s. Klaus competed in four Olympic Games (1964-1976) winning the platform gold medal in his last three Olympics and two silver medals on the 1964 10m platform and one on the 1968 3m Spring Board event.

Klaus was considered the world’s greatest diver during his career winning five medals in four Olympic Games. As written in the Guinness Book of Records he is the only diver to win the same event in 3 Olympic Games, - the 10m Platform. During the first two World Championships 1973 and 1975 he also won two gold medals in the platform event and two silver medals in springboard. Giorgio Cognotto finished second to his teammate but competed on five Olympic teams through 1980 winning four Olympic Medals, two silver and two bronze.

Carlo Dibiasi leaves a legacy that will long be remembered in the sport of diving.
Tom Dolan (USA)
2006 Honor Swimmer

FOR THE RECORD: 1996 OLYMPIC GAMES: gold (400m I.M.), 7th (200m I.M.); 2000 OLYMPIC GAMES: gold (400m I.M.), silver (200m I.M.);
TWO WORLD RECORDS: 400m I.M; 1994 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: gold (400m I.M.), 8th (400m freestyle); 1998 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: gold (400m I.M.), 5th (800m freestyle); 1993 PAN PACIFIC CHAMPIONSHIPS: silver (400m I.M.); 1995 PAN PACIFIC CHAMPIONSHIPS: gold (400m, 200m I.M.), silver (200m backstroke, 800m freestyle), 5th (400m freestyle); 14 U.S. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS: 14 U.S. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS: 400 freestyle (3), 800 freestyle (4), 1500 freestyle (1), 200 I.M. (2), 400 I.M. (4);
NINE NCAA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS: 400 I.M. (2), 500 freestyle (2), 1650 free (2), 800 freestyle relay (3); FIVE AMERICAN RECORDS.

Tom Dolan of Curl-Burke Swim Club and the University of Michigan held the 400m I.M. World Record longer than any other swimmer in history, eight years, and that includes Hall of Famers Gary Hall, Sr., Tamas Darnyi, Alex Baumann, Jesse Vassallo, Charlie Hickcox, Dick Roth and Ted Stickles. He is only the second swimmer to win successive 400m I.M. Olympic gold medals (1996, 2000), along with Hungary’s Darnyi. Tom also won the Olympic 200m I.M. silver medal in Sydney.

At 6’6” tall and with 3% body fat, Tom was diagnosed with Exercise Induced Asthma and a 20% windpipe obstruction, which would side-line the normal person. Tom only trained harder and exhaustion, dizziness and occasional blackouts never stopped him from swimming. Coached by Rick Curl and Jon Urbancheck, Tom also set two world records, won two gold medals in World Championship swimming, won nine NCAA National Championships and 14 U.S. National Championships.
Igor Milanovic (YUG)
2006 Honor Water Polo Player


Yugoslavia won its first water polo Olympic gold medal in 1968, breaking Hungary’s (and to a lesser degree, Italy’s) Olympic water polo dynasty. Hall of Fame players, Mirko Sandic, Zdravko Korvacic and Zoran Jankovic all helped give special rise to Yugoslavia’s water polo success. Although Yugoslavia won the silver medal 12 years later in 1980, it was in 1984 and 1988 that they won back-to-back gold medals in Olympic competition, largely due to the driving ability of the great Igor Milanovic. The Partizan Club was the country’s leading water polo team and produced most of the Yugoslavian Olympic players, including 6’10” Milanovic.

Igor joined the Partizan Club Team at age ten in 1975 and under the coaching of Nicola Stamenic and Vlaho Orlic; he soon became a skilful and inspirational player. At age 18, legendary coach Ratko Rudic promoted him from the junior team to the national team just in time for the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles where he was instrumental in his team winning the gold medal. Four years later at the 1988 Seoul Olympics, he once again steered his team to gold. At the height of his career, the Balkan War prevented his team from competing during the years between 1992 to 1995, thus forfeiting the 1992 Olympics.

Throughout his career, he also competed for Mladost, Croatia; Roma, Italy; and Katalugnia, Spain, the latter two in the Professional League. His career includes over 300 international competitions. He has scored over 450 goals.

Each of his coaches place him in high regard with Coach Rudic stating that he is the only player who could play in every position on the team.
Susan O'Neill (AUS)
2006 Honor Swimmer

FOR THE RECORD: 1992 OLYMPIC GAMES: bronze (200m butterfly); 1996 OLYMPIC GAMES: gold (200m butterfly), silver (4x100m medley relay); bronze (4x200m freestyle relay); 2000 OLYMPIC GAMES: gold (200m freestyle), silver (200m butterfly, 4x200m freestyle relay, 4x100m medley relay); FOUR WORLD RECORDS: 200m butterfly (1-50m, 3-25m); 1993 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS (25m): gold (100m butterfly), silver (200m freestyle, 200m butterfly, 4x200m freestyle), bronze (4x100m medley); 1994 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: bronze (100m, 200m butterfly); 1995 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS (25m): gold (200m butterfly, 4x100m medley), silver (200m freestyle, 100m butterfly), bronze (4x200m freestyle); 1998 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: gold (200m butterfly), silver (4x100m medley), bronze (4x200m freestyle); 1999 COMMONWEALTH GAMES: silver (100m butterfly); 1994 COMMONWEALTH GAMES: gold (200m butterfly, 200m freestyle, 4x200m freestyle), silver (100m butterfly); 1998 COMMONWEALTH GAMES: gold (200m freestyle, 200m butterfly, 400m freestyle, 4x200m freestyle, silver (100m butterfly); 1999 PAN PACIFIC CHAMPIONSHIPS: gold (200m freestyle, 200m butterfly), silver (100m butterfly); 35 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Just as fellow Australian Dawn Fraser was known in 1956 as the woman who broke Willy den Ouden's (NED) 20 year old, 100m freestyle world record, so is Susie O'Neill known as the woman who broke Mary T. Meagher's (USA) 19 year old, 200m butterfly world record. Susie broke the record at the 2000 Australian Olympic Trials. At the 2000 Sydney Games, she tried to equal the gold medal swim she had in this event at the 1996 Atlanta Olympic Games, but won the silver medal behind Misty Hyman (USA). After the water settled, Susie still maintained a hold on the world record and held it for another two years. Being the competitor she was, she won the 200m freestyle gold medal in Sydney.

Having never lost a butterfly race between Olympic Games (1996–2000), she took on Mary T's nickname of Madame Butterfly. Could there be two Madame Butterflies? Susie and Mary T. were from two different eras, two different times, each distinct just as when Eva Szecseley of Hungary, the first Madame Butterfly, received her nickname in 1952.

Susie has 35 Australian Championships to her name, breaking Hall of Famer Sir Frank Beaurepaire's long standing record from 100 years earlier. Her outstanding Commonwealth Games performance gives her the most medals won by a female swimmer (ten gold, five silver) in Commonwealth history. Six of the gold medals were won at one Commonwealth Games (1998 Kuala Lumpur), a record equaled only by swimmer Ian Thorpe.
FOR THE RECORD: 1992 OLYMPIC GAMES: gold (1500m freestyle), silver (400m freestyle); 1996 OLYMPIC GAMES: gold (1500m freestyle); 2000 OLYMPIC GAMES: silver (1500m freestyle); 11 WORLD RECORDS: three-800m, three-1500m, one-400m freestyle long course and one-800m, three-1500m freestyle short course; 1991 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: silver (1500m freestyle); 1994 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: gold (400m, 1500m freestyle); 1990 COMMONWEALTH GAMES: silver (1500m freestyle); 1994 COMMONWEALTH GAMES: gold (200m, 400m, 1500m freestyle, 4x200m freestyle); 1998 COMMONWEALTH GAMES: bronze (1500m freestyle); 1991 PAN PACIFIC CHAMPIONSHIPS: gold (400m, 800m, 1500m freestyle); 1993 PAN PACIFIC CHAMPIONSHIPS: gold (400m, 800m, 1500m freestyle), silver (4x200m freestyle); 1995 PAN PACIFIC CHAMPIONSHIPS: gold (1500m freestyle), silver (800m freestyle)

Only three other swimmers had won Olympic medals in two Olympic Games in the 1500m freestyle – Murray Rose (AUS) 1956 & 1960; Michael Burton (USA) 1968 & 1972 and Vladimir Salnikov (URS) 1980 & 1988 – until Kieren Perkins won a third 1500m Olympic medal (1992, 1996 & 2000). All totaled in Olympic competition, he captured two gold and a silver in the 1500m freestyle and a silver in the 400m freestyle. He set 11 world records, holding the 1500m freestyle record for nine years, the 800m for ten years and the 400m freestyle for five years. When swimming a 1500m freestyle race at the 1991 Pan Pacific Championships, he stopped at the 800m mark to be sure the 800m world record was his and then continued to win the race. In the 1996 Olympic 1500m race, he won the hearts of his countrymen when he barely made the Olympic Team, qualified last for the final, but came back to win the gold medal. He already held the world record.

Coach John Carew trained Kieren to swim the longer freestyle events. He could start each race swimming fast, take the lead and go the whole race about the same speed. That is what made him so hard to catch.
Alison Streeter (GBR)
2006 Honor Open Water Swimmer

FOR THE RECORD: “QUEEN OF THE ENGLISH CHANNEL.” 43 CROSINGS OF THE ENGLISH CHANNEL; THREE DOUBLE AND ONE TRIPLE CROSSING OF THE CHANNEL (first time for a woman, 70 miles in 34 hours); YOUNGEST WOMAN AND FIRST BRITISH WOMAN TO SWIM A DOUBLE CROSSING, (49 miles in 21 hours 16 minutes) ENGLAND-FRANCE-ENGLAND; COMPETITOR IN 18 INTERNATIONAL RACES. ALSO CATALINA CHANNEL, MANHATTAN ISLAND, 4 PIERS, AROUND JERSEY ISLAND (43 miles), SCOTLAND TO IRELAND (20 miles), THE NORTH CHANNEL (20 miles) and CAPRI-NAPLES (22 miles). FIRST WOMAN TO SWIM THE IRISH SEA. THREE CHANNELS IN FIVE WEEKS LINKING IRELAND-SCOTLAND-ENGLAND-WALES-ENGLAND AND FRANCE.

The King or Queen of the English Channel is the one who holds the most number of crossings at any given time. Hall of Famer Cindy Nicholas had been the “Queen of the Channel” with 19 crossings, but in 1992 Alison Streeter surpassed that number and has gone on to complete 43 crossings by 2005. She may be the English Channel Queen for a long time.

For nearly a quarter of a century, Alison has been swimming the Channel. In 1983, she became the youngest woman and first British woman to swim a double crossing (49 miles in 21 hours 16 minutes) (England-France-England) and repeated it two more times. In 1990, she completed a three-way crossing, the first time for a woman, 70 miles in 34 hours 40 minutes. She is the first to cross the Channel seven times in one year. Along with her English Channel swims, she also has completed the Catalina Channel, Manhattan Island, 4 Piers, around Jersey Island (43 miles), Scotland to Ireland (20 miles), Ireland to Scotland, the North Channel (20 miles) and Capri-Naples (22 miles). She is the first woman to swim the Irish Sea. Alison currently writes for Swimming Times. She was awarded the MBE by the Queen. Most of her swims are tied to fundraising efforts for various charities and to-date she has raised over 120,000 pounds sterling.
Xiong Ni (CHN)
2006 Honor Diver

FOR THE RECORD: 1988 OLYMPIC GAMES: silver (10m platform); 1992 OLYMPIC GAMES: bronze (10m platform); 1996 OLYMPIC GAMES: gold (3m springboard); 2000 OLYMPIC GAMES: gold (3m springboard, 3m springboard synchro); 1991 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: silver (10m platform).


2000 was Ni's fourth Olympic competition. In 1988, as the youngster competing against veteran Louganis in the 10m platform, Xiong won the silver medal by only 1.14 points behind Greg. He vowed to return in 1992, but won the bronze medal in the same event. In 1996, he won the gold medal on the springboard and returned four years later to win it again. He and his synchronized diving partner Xiao Hailiang also won the gold medal in the 3m Springboard Synchronized Diving. He and Klaus Dibiasi are the only two men to win diving medals in four Olympic Games.

Xiong began diving training coached by Mr. Ma Yannian in Hunan Spare – Time Sports School in 1982 and joined the Hunan provincial diving team in 1983. He first caught the attention of Xu Yiming, the Head Coach of the China National Diving Team and intensified training began. Within his 15 year career, Xiong won five Olympic, one World Championship and two Asian Games medals as well as 16 Chinese National Championships.
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1965-2006 Honorees By Country
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ALGERIA (ALG)
Larfouati, Mustapha (1998) Contributor

ARGENTINA (ARG)
* Campbell, Jeanette (1991) Swimmer
* Zorrilla, Alberto (1976) Swimmer

AUSTRALIA (AUS)
Armstrong, Duncan (1996) Swimmer
* Beaurepaire, Sir Frank (1967) Swimmer
* Campbell, Jeannette (1991) Swimmer
* Durack, Fanny (1967) Swimmer
* Dennis, Clare (1982) Swimmer
* Cotton, Frank (1989) Pioneer Contributor
* Charlton, Andrew "Boy" (1972) Swimmer
* Neumann, Dr. Paul (1986) Pioneer Swimmer
* Wahle, Otto (1996) Pioneer Swimmer, AUT/USA
* Plentinex, Joseph (1988) Pioneer Water Polo
* Blitz, Gerard (1990) Pioneer Water Polo

BRAZIL (BRA)
* Marshall, John (1973) Swimmer
* Lane, Freddy (1969) Swimmer
* Kieran, Barney (1969) Swimmer

CANADA (CAN)
Baumann, Alan (1992) Swimmer
*Bernier, Sylvie (1986) Diver

*Corwin, George Sr. (1971) Contributor
*Davie, Victor (1994) Swimmer
*Firby, Howard (1985) Coach
*Frechette, Sylvie (2003) Synchronized Swimmer
*Gote, George (1989) Coach
*Hodges, George (1968) Swimmer
*Hutton, Ralph (1984) Swimmer
*MacKellar, Lillian "Billie" (1993)
*Matthews, John (1973) Swimmer
*Parrington, Frank (1986) Pioneer Plunger
*Radulovic, Paul (1962) Water Polo
*Rawinson, Austin (1994) Pioneer Swimmer
*Smith, Charlie (1981) Water Polo
*Steedman, Charles (2000) Pioneer Contributor,

GBR/USA
Streeter, Alison (2006) Open Water Swimmer
* Taylor, Henry (1969) Swimmer
* Trudgian, John (1974) Contributor
* Wicki, Captain Matthew (1965) Swimmer
* Willis, David (1983) Swimmer
* Wilkinson, George (1980) Water Polo

GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC (GDR)
#Anke, Hannslohe (1990) Swimmer
#Endek, Kornelia (1981) Swimmer
#Hoffmann, Falk "Ecki" (1998) Swimmer
#Cottense, Jacques-Yves (1967) Contributor
#Driguy, Emile Georges (1984) Contributor
#Jany, Alex (1971) Swimmer
#Murville, Alphon (1980) Coach
#Padon, Henri (1970) Water Polo
#Tait, Jean (1964) Swimmer
#Thorenet, Monfsieur (1990) Pioneer Contributor

GERMANY (GER/FRG)
*Niehaus, Thomas (1992) Water Polo Coach

GREAT BRITAIN (GBR)
*Cameron, James Malcolm "Taffy" (2003) Contributor
*Cooper, M. Joyce (1996) Pioneer Swimmer
*Derbyshire, "Robs" (2005) Pioneer Swimmer/Water Polo/Coach
*Fletcher, Jennifer (1971) Swimmer
*Forbes, Gerald (1990) Pioneer Open Water Swimmer
*Frechette, Sylvie (2003) Synchronized Swimmer
*Grinnell, Jodi (1981) Swimmer
*Harding, Kellie (1990) Pioneer Water Polo
*Horne, C. George (1986) Pioneer Contributor
*Howard, William (1971) Contributor

HOLLAND/NETHERLANDS (NED)
* Baumann, Maarten (1967) Swimmer
* Baumann, Marie (1980) Swimmer
*Den Ouden, Willy (1970) Swimmer
*De Witt, Theo (2005) Contributor
*Kist, Cor (1971) Swimmer
*Kok, Ada (1976) Swimmer
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Because of you and your accomplishments, the swimmers of tomorrow may one day follow in your footsteps!
Swimming's greatest living legends were in Fort Lauderdale for the grand opening of the International Swimming Hall of Fame museum in 1968. From left to right: Johnny Weissmuller, Eleanor Holm, Esther Williams and Buster Crabbe.

HAND AND FOOTPRINTS IN CEMENT

From lower left, clockwise: 1. ISHOF president Jack Kelly helps Yale & Olympic coach Phil Moriarty; 2. 1968 Platform gold medalist Milena Duchkova (CZE); 3. 1972 IM Champ Gunnar Larsson (SWE); 4. Tsuyoshi Yamanaka (JPN), won 4 silver medals in 1956 & '60; 5. FINA President Harold Henning helping Sharon Stouder, a triple gold medalist in 1964; 6. 1968 Olympic springboard gold medalist Micki King signing her prints.
HISTORY LIVES AT THE INTERNATIONAL SWIMMING HALL OF FAME

Three time Olympic platform gold medalist Klaus Dibiasi (ITA) receives his award from Dick Smith (USA).

Coach Stefen Hunyadi (HUN) and Water Polo player Janos Nemeth (HUN) joined ISHOF as honorees in 1969.

John Naber assists 1960 Olympic backstroke champ Lynn Burke at the 1978 ceremonies.

Jean Henning presents a copy of her book about Jeff Farrell, "Six Days to Swim", to ISHOF President Art Linkletter.

Mark Spitz received his ISHOF award from 1932 Olympic champ Buster Crabbe.

Australian great Dawn Fraser signs her Olympic swim suit during her induction. The suit is still on display at ISHOF.

Bob Dukenel helps 1968 100m champ Jan Henne Hawkins put her handprints in cement.

Bob Clotworthy (USA), 1956 Olympic springboard champion, shares a moment with Mary Kok (NED) in 1980. Holland boycotted the Olympics in '56 to protest the Russian invasion of Hungary, denying Mary the Olympics.

Jack and Sherrill Nelson with Ft. Lauderdale Mayor Virginia Young and her husband.
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Coach Mark Schubert and Olympic great Janet Evans

Ali Schoenfeld gives the media award to Nick Thierry

Water Polo greats Alexei Barkov (RUS) & Tamas Farago (HUN) flank FINA member Dr. Olu Asekum

Kristin Otto (GDR) won six gold medals in 1988

ISHOF Pres. Jack Kelley with Buck Dawson in 1980

Heidi O'Rourke autographs her display

John Kinsella (USA) presents award to Vladimir Salnikov (RUS)

Greg Louganis and Mary T. Meagher Plant

1920 Olympian Alice Lord Landon with 1964's Donna de Varona

Dr. Sammy Lee, John Naber and Michele Mitchell

Gail Emery giving her handprint to ISHOF

Dick Smith and Sammy Lee

FINA Bureau member Dale Neuberger with Koji Katoh (JPN) and ISHOF Asia President Yoshi Sugahara

Ron O'Brien and Wendy Wyland
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Images of DUKE

Duke Pao Kahanamoku was the greatest of the early Hawaiian swimmers. He and his brothers are the modern originators of surfing and he was one of the greatest Olympic champions, winning the 100m freestyle in both 1912 & 1920. His 50 yd. freestyle time of 22.6, done in 1923, considering the flat dive, open turn and wool suit remains a remarkable accomplishment. In 1924, at age 32, Duke finished 2nd to Johnny Weissmuller in the 100m free at Paris.
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A warm welcome to all Hall of Famers and congratulations to the Class of 2006, you are forever a part of the legacy of swimming, a sport that made Fort Lauderdale famous!

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Gianni Lonzi
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Recreational Swimming
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Editor of Pool and Spa Living, Luxury Pools and America’s Top Hot Tubs & Spas

2005

Competitive Swimming
Pat Hogan
USA Swimming Club Development Director

Aquatic Safety
Robert E. ‘Bob’ Johnson
Retired, Yale University Faculty and Coaching Staff

Water Polo
Andy Burke
ASUA, USA Water Polo Committee Executive

Synchronized Swimming
Joy Cushman
FINA, ASUA, USA Synchronized Swimming Chairman

Competitive Diving
Steve McFarland
President USA Diving

Recreational Swimming
Rick Root
President, World Waterpark Association

2004

Competitive Swimming
John Devitt
President, Australian Swimming, Inc.

Aquatic Safety
Tom Griffiths, Ed.D.
Director of Aquatics, Penn State University

Water Polo
Richard J. Foster
President, USA Water Polo

Synchronized Swimming
Nicole Hoevertsz
Secretary General, Aruba Swimming Federation

Competitive Diving
Robin M. N. Hood
Diver & Life Member, Diving New Zealand Inc.

Recreational Swimming
John Leonard
President, American Swimming Coaches Association

2003

Competitive Swimming
Peter Hugo
President, National Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Association

Aquatic Safety
Suity Cureton

Water Polo
Richard McCoy
President, Mikasa Sports

Synchronized Swimming
Sue Ahlf
Coach, Promoter, Administrator

Competitive Diving
Jeff Cook
President, Amateur Swimming Association of Great Britain

Recreational Swimming
Pat Hogan
Equipment Designer and Manufacturer for the Professional Aquatic Market

2002

Competitive Swimming
Cecil Colwin
Author, Coach, Scientist, Researcher and Historian

Aquatic Safety
Joe A. Fecoraro
Supervisor of Pools & Beaches Chicago Park District

Water Polo
Stu Isaac
Vice President Sales & Marketing, Speedo

Synchronized Swimming
Virginia ‘Ginny’ Jasontek
Hon. Secretary - FINA Technical Synchro Swim Committee

Competitive Diving
Dick Kimball
Olympic Coach - University of Michigan

Recreational Swimming
Dr. Stephen J. Langendorfer, Ph.D.
Assoc. Professor of Kinesiology Bowling Green State University

2001

Competitive Swimming
Cornel Marculescu
Executive Director FINA

Aquatic Safety
Dr. John Fletemeyer
Supervisor of Beaches, Palm Beach

Water Polo
Bruce Wigo
Executive Director USA Water Polo

Synchronized Swimming
Charlotte Davis
USA National Team Coach Synchro Swimming USA

Competitive Diving
Kathy Seaman
FINA Technical Diving Committee

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Competitive Swimming
Dale Neuburger
President, USA Swimming

Aquatic Safety
Steve Graves
National Swim School Assoc.

Water Polo
Mark Wagner
Director Parks & Recreation, Los Alamitos, CA

Synchronized Swimming
Ed Kaminski, Pacific Association, Synchro Swimming USA

Competitive Diving
Doris I. Miller
University of Western Ontario

Recreational Swimming
John R. Spannuth
U.S. Water Fitness Assoc., Inc.

1999

Competitive Swimming
Don Meigerle
Tufts University

Aquatic Safety
Rob McKay
Lifestyle Swim School & Video Productions

Water Polo
Ed Haage
Astral Products, Inc.

Synchronized Swimming
Barbara McNamee
Synchro Swimming USA

Competitive Diving
Don Leas
Clarion University, USA Diving

Recreational Swimming
Jane Katz
City University of New York

1998

Competitive Swimming
Gary Butts
Pine Crest School

Aquatic Safety
John M. Malatak
U.S. Coast Guard

Water Polo
Kurt Krumpholz
USA Water Polo

Synchronized Swimming
Ross Bean
Synchro Swimming USA

Competitive Diving
Ron O’Brien
USA Diving

Recreational Swimming
Heidi Rodale
Fitness Swimmer Magazine

1997

Competitive Swimming
Ray Essick
USA Swimming

Aquatic Safety
Thomas C. Werts
American Red Cross

Water Polo
Bud Weiszbrod
Aqua Tech, Corp.

Synchronized Swimming
Judy McGowan
Synchro Swimming USA

Competitive Diving
Tom Gompf
USA Diving

Recreational Swimming
Walt Johnson
National Recreation & Parks Assoc.

1996

Competitive Swimming
Lynn Rickert
YMCA

Aquatic Safety
Christine M. Branche, Ph.D.
Center for Disease Control Prevention

Water Polo
Richard Kieffer
Eastman Kodak

Synchronized Swimming
Dorothy Sowers
Synchro Swimming USA

Competitive Diving
Janet Gabriel
USA Diving

Recreational Swimming
Jeff Ellis
Ellis & Associates

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Competitive Swimming
Peter Daland / Two-time U.S. Olympic Head Coach

For eight decades, Peter Daland has been involved in swimming, first as a swimmer, then as a coach at the club, college and Olympic levels becoming a world leader in the sport. One of the most highly respected individuals in swimming, Peter was his Swarthmore College Swimming Team Captain in 1947 and 1948 after which he guided the Rose Valley and Suburban Swim Club Teams of Pennsylvania as their coach during their formative years. He was Bob Kiphuth’s assistant coach at Yale University from 1951-1954 during which time he was the founder of Junior Swimmer Magazine and co-founder with Kiphuth of Swimming World Magazine. In 1956, he moved to Southern California where for 35 years, he was head men’s coach of the University of Southern California, winning nine NCAA Swimming and Diving National Championships, 93 NCAA Division I individual titles and accumulating an unparallel dual meet record of 318-31-3 (.917) including 20 years of undefeated dual meet competitions. He was head coach of the 1964 U.S. Women’s Olympic Team and 1972 U.S Men’s Olympic Team and personally coached over 70 Olympians winning over 20 gold medals. For 16 years, he also coached the Los Angeles Athletic Club producing Olympic women swimmers and two National AAU team championships. Upon “retirement” from coaching in 1992, Peter has been the President of the World Swimming Coaches Association (1994-1998, 1968-1970) and Chairman of the FINA Coaches Commission (2000-2005). He has been ASCA Coach of the Year, received the highest National AAU and Collegiate awards and has been the official U.S. Representative at the European Swimming Championships for 11 years. Currently, Peter is completing his first of three written volumes entitled: History of Olympic Swimming 1896-1964. Volume II 1968-1984 and Volume III 1988 to Present will follow. Peter was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame in 1977.

Aquatic Safety
Shawn DeRosa / Consultant for Aquatic Safety Research Group, LLC

In only a short fourteen years, Shawn Derosa has had a major impact on promoting aquatic safety throughout the nation. A 1992 Boston College graduate with a Juris Doctor Cum Laude from Suffolk University Law School in Boston, Shawn has been a Chapter Health Services Administrator for the American Red Cross, Associate Aquatic Director for the Blue Hills Regional Technical School in Canton, MA, the Aquatics Program Coordinator for Massachusetts Department of Environmental Management, the Northeast Regional Director of the National Recreational and Park Association (NRPA) and currently serves as an adjunct faculty member of Salem State College and an independent consultant with the Aquatic Safety Research Group, LLC in Boston. With the combination of his expertise in aquatics and his legal background, he offers practical educational programs on aquatic safety and risk management. He is a frequent speaker and author of articles with over a dozen publications in the past five years, with subjects including beach, pool and communicable disease safety. He has been an aquatic facility operator and lead instructor with the National Aquatic Management School of the NRPA, organizing and directing the associations programs and services within the New England and Mid-Atlantic States. In Massachusetts, he has developed and monitored statewide lifeguard recruitment initiatives recruiting in the full staffing of over 500 lifeguards as well as developing program policies and procedures for the safe and efficient operation of over 66 aquatic facilities including 20 swimming pools, 38 inland beaches and eight ocean beaches. Selected as Aquatics International Magazine’s Most 25 Important People in aquatics, Shawn is fluent in Spanish and proficient in Italian.

Water Polo
Gianni Lonzi, Chairman, FINA Technical Water Polo Committee

Gianni Lonzi was successful in all aspects of water polo, winning Olympic medals as an athlete, coach and administrator for his native Italy. Considered one of the best drivers of his time, Lonzi won Olympic gold as a player in 1960 and just missed the bronze medals of 1964 and 1968. He and his team won the gold medal at the 1963 Mediterranean Games and were Italian National Champions in 1967 and 1968. He retired from the water and moved to the pool deck as coach of the Italian team winning the Olympic silver medal in 1976 and gold and bronze medals in the surrounding World Championships of 1978 and 1975. He coached the 1977 Mediterranean Games Team to a gold medal and knowing the importance of raising young players to success, he coached the 1977 and 1982 Junior teams to gold medals in European Championships. In 1988 he became the Vice Chairman of the LEN Water Polo Committee and four years later began his term on the FINA TWPC becoming Chairman in 1996.
Synchronized Swimming
Don Kane / Contributor to International Aquatic Sports

Don Kane has been involved in the development and progress of Synchronized Swimming for over 50 years. He is co-founder of the San Francisco Merionettes Synchro Team, which won 46 U.S. Senior National Titles, 22 Junior National Titles, Pan American Games and numerous international invitational competitions. As a swim coach, his swimmers Lynn Vidale won Olympic medals, 1968 silver – (400 IM), 1972 bronze – (200 IM) and Jenna Johnson won the 1984 silver medal – (100m butterfly). In 1964, he wrote the first Judges Training Guide and followed that with a Press Relations Guide. In 1967, he developed the first Guide to the Administration of Synchronized Swimming. Kane was elected chair of the National AAU Convention and was elected Synchronized Swimming Chairman in 1967. His appointment of Pam Morris as Synchro’s first Athletes’ Rep made her the first Athletes’ Representative to sit on any AAU National Sport Committee.

Internationally, in 1967, Don served as Competition Director for the Golden Gate International Solo Championship, the first international competition held in the U.S. He was a member of the U.S. Olympic Synchronized Swimming Sports Committee, chaired the Technical Synchro Committee of A.S.U.A. and was a past vice chairman of the FINA Technical Synchronized Swimming Committee (1972-1976). A FINA Level ‘A’ judge, he served as a swimming judge at the Olympic Games in Munich and Montreal and as a synchro judge at the Atlanta Olympics. During the years 1973-94, he officiated at seven World Championships, three FINA World Cups, and numerous international competitions. He has been both judge and referee in four CCAN competitions and two South American Championships. In 1968, he arranged a 10 month European tour for U.S. national duet champions, Margo McGrath and Carol Redmond which greatly accelerated the sport’s development throughout Europe. He also arranged for a six month tour of Japanese swimmers through various cities in the U.S. He had hosted and trained swimmers and coaches from 15 nations. He has conducted officials/judges seminars in Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Italy, Jamaica, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Peru and Venezuela. He will serve as the Synchronized Swimming Competition Director at the 2006 FINA Masters World Championships. He has received the FINA Silver Pin for distinguished service to International Aquatic Disciplines.

Competitive Diving
Georgia Fyrigou, FINA Technical Diving Committee Member and 2004 Athens Olympic Diving Competition Director

For the past 20 years, Georgia has been involved in diving and sport in her native Greece as well as on an international level. She has earned BSC University degrees in both physical education and finance at National and Kapodistrian University of Athens. She also has a Ministry of Culture, General Secretariat of Sports Diploma for diving coaches. Within the last year and a half, she was appointed to four year terms to the LEN and FINA Technical Diving Committees, serving on the Event-Rules Sub Committees. She served as Competition Director for Diving at the 2004 Athens Olympic Games, as well as serving on the Organizing Committee for the Games and Paralympic Games of 2004. She also served as Sports Information Manager for Cycling, the Velodrome, Paralympic Village and Paralympic Games of 2004.

Georgia is a LEN A Category International Judge and has officiated at the 2004 and 2002 European Championships. She has been an IF Liaison for synchronized swimming, water polo and rowing and has been a FINA deck official at the 2003 Barcelona World Championships and 2000 Fukuoka World Championships.

Recreational Swimming
Ed Kahn / Editor of Pool and Spa Living, Luxury Pools and America’s Top Hot Tubs and Spas

Ed Kahn, president of Manor House Publishing Co., Inc., has been promoting recreational swimming for more than a decade. The company publishes several industry-leading consumer magazines. Pool & Spa Living magazine focuses on all aspects of pool and spa ownership, including selection, poolside entertaining, safety, health benefits and family fun. Luxury Pools magazine presents the industry’s premier pool designers and builders, showcasing their high-end works of aquatic art.

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Based on their content and contributions to the industry, Kahn and Manor House Publishing have been honored with the Consumer Awareness Award and the Special Chairman’s Award from the Association of Pool & Spa Professionals.

Before Manor House, Kahn served as the executive vice president of a consumer products Fortune 500 company and was a member of its board of directors. Previously, he owned a management consulting firm and taught graduate and undergraduate courses at Temple University and Drexel University.

Kahn has a Bachelor of Science degree from Temple, a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Detroit and has completed advanced graduate work at New York University.
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Ed Gulbenkian has been a friend of mine for more than 40 years! Over those years I have seen him grow to be one of the top aquatic leaders in the country. One of the interesting things about Ed is that he is usually behind the scenes giving ideas and helping people and organizations. He doesn’t look for credit or awards – he just wants to help overall aquatics. One of his major pushes is to help people to understand the many benefits of being involved in aquatics.

Recently I had dinner with Buck Dawson. As most people know – Buck is the person who worked the hardest to get the International Swimming Hall of Fame (ISHOF) “off the ground”. He served as the first Executive Director of ISHOF. He served in that position for 20 years. He is still known as “Mr. Swimming Hall Of Fame”.

Buck explained to me how important Ed Gulbenkian was in the development of ISHOF and how he (Buck) worked with Ed as a “two person team” traveling around the country promoting ISHOF. Ed provided many ideas regarding marketing ISHOF and setting up a revenue flow for selling ISHOF products that would help promote ISHOF. Ed served on the ISHOF Board of Directors and International Congress for many years.

Ed has been a major force in the growth of Aquatics in our country and ISHOF. He is a real credit to aquatics!

I’m proud to call him one of my best friends in the world.

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Jim,

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My very best to you.

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Born on the California coast, he developed a love for the water at an early age. His family moved to Kansas when he was seven to work for his uncle’s car dealership. He began swimming competitively at the age of nine, creating a love affair with the water that has remained with him throughout every phase of his life.

In his high school, he was a member of the swim team. He continued swimming at Kansas State College where he obtained a degree in marketing. Soon after, Ford Motor Company hired him. Three years later he followed his boss to Toyota. He enjoyed working for what was then, a smaller car company because he would have the opportunity to work different jobs. He envisioned himself running a dealership in his future.

Few would have predicted that some thirty years later, Jim Press would become the President and Chief Operating Officer of Toyota Motor Sales (TMS) USA or that Toyota would gain over 11% of the market share in North America. Fortune Magazine refers to Jim as “Toyota’s Secret Weapon” stating that he “arguably has as much influence over the course of the American auto industry as anyone else alive.”

Since 1970, Jim has worked a wide variety of positions in advertising, service, marketing, product planning, market representation and distribution departments. Jim gets inside the minds of the American car buyer, distills what he’s learned and interprets the results for the product planners and engineers in Japan. He has over all responsibility for sales, marketing and distribution for Toyota, Scion and Lexus products in the United States. He is the first American President of TMS. ISHOF’s 1994 Gold Medallion recipient, Jim Moran, has built JM Lexus of the Southeast and JM Family Enterprises, Inc. into the largest Lexus distributorship in the United States. Press has been instrumental in Toyota’s successful entry into the Hybrid market with the Prius and new entry-level Scion, redesigned the Sienna minivan and is currently carefully assessing the transition to fuel cell technology.

Despite his success, Press maintains an unusual demeanor for an automobile executive. He is described as soft-spoken, thoughtful, extremely intelligent and humble. He has diplomatically proven himself as one who understands the business of cars and American psyche enabling him to predict trends, providing an important voice of reason and leadership on the board of directors. Toyota’s honorary chairman, Dr. Shoichiro Toyoda, describes Press as an instrumental, “force of change”.

Press was the first international automotive executive elected to chair the Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers, the industry’s top trade group. He has received the “Distinguished Service Citation Award” from the Automotive Hall of Fame and has been named an industry “All-Star” leader by both Automotive News and Automobile Magazine.

At 5:30 every morning, Press can be found swimming laps. He arrives at his office soon after and doesn’t head home until 9 p.m. The weekends are often spent competing in triathlons and long-distance ocean races. Jim belongs to both the Los Angeles and Peninsula Masters swim teams. He and his wife Linda reside in Rolling Hills, CA and have four children.

While it is rumored that gasoline runs through his veins, perhaps it is the fuel that drives his passion for swimming. Whatever the reason, cars and swimming are sure to remain intertwined in the fabric of his life.
"If I have done anything to encourage men to learn to swim I feel that I have been of service to the country. It would be foolish of me to expect everyone to learn to swim across the Channel. But still, everyone should swim a little. Many lives are now lost through people not being able to swim a yard or two. If they could swim a few yards, they would be able to save their own lives and that would be a great deal."

....Captain Matthew Webb
2006 Al Schoenfield Media Award

Bud Greenspan

Al Schoenfield was editor and publisher of "Swimming World" and "Swimming Technique" magazines (1960-1977) and served on various international committees for swimming including the FINA Technical Swimming Committee (1980-1984). Al was a committed swimmer. He participated in its administrative structure and spread its stories through his magazines and promotions. Al died on April 10, 2006, but his legacy will forever endure to all who have benefited from his lifetime service to swimming.

When the world thinks of the Olympic Games and sports hero's documentaries, it thinks of Bud Greenspan and Cappy Productions. Bud and his wife, Cappy Petrash Greenspan, who died in 1983, built Cappy Productions into one of the most respected, independent production companies in the world, now operating in its fourth decade.

Bud has been called the foremost writer/producer/director of sports films and one of the world's leading sports historians. His numerous Awards include seven Emmys, the George Foster Peabody Award for Life Time Achievement, the Directors Guild of America Life Achievement Award and the coveted Olympic Order presented by International Olympic Committee President Juan Antonio Samaranch for his contribution to furthering the Olympic movement.

Bud began his career as a sports broadcaster. At 21 he became Sports Director of radio station WMGM in New York City, then the largest sports station in the country. Greenspan broadcast such programs as Warm-Up Time and Sports Extra, the pre- and post-game coverage of the Brooklyn Dodgers. He also broadcast play by play "color" for hockey, basketball, track and tennis from Madison Square Garden.

After leaving WMGM, Greenspan turned to magazine writing. Since then, he has sold hundreds of fiction and non-fiction articles to major publications in the United States and abroad. Prior to forming his own film company in 1967, Greenspan produced television commercials in New York City.

Greenspan's most recent works include The First Miracle (2006), the story of the 1960 Gold Medal winning ice hockey team from Square Valley and Whirlaway (2005), celebrating the chestnut colt and fifth-winner of horse racing's triple crown; Bud Greenspan Remembers: 1984 LA Olympics (2004); Pound for Pound (2004) and the Barrier Breaker, which includes Gertrude Ederle's 1926 swim across the English Channel (2004). He is currently working on a documentary about black baseball legend, Larry Doby, who broke the color barrier in the American League in 1947.


Greenspan's trademark is the intimate storytelling that is universally understood and appreciated; his storytelling transcends culture. His ability to discover the little-known story has touched and inspired people around the world including many Olympic Champions.

Among his documentaries of athletes in the aquatic disciplines include swimmers Murray Rose (AUS), Lance Larson (USA), Pablo Morales (USA), Michael Gross (GER), Janet Evans (USA), Shane Gould (AUS), John Naber (USA), Dawn Fraser (AUS), Gary Hall Jr. (USA), Ian Thorpe (AUS), Rowdy Gaines (USA), Michele Smith (IRL), and Mark Spitz (USA) and divers Sammy Lee (USA), Pat McCormick (USA), Klaus Dibiasi (ITA), and Greg Louganis (USA).


Other Olympic films include Triumph and Tragedy: The 1972 Munich Olympics (1992) televised worldwide in the summer of 1992, and The Measure of Greatness (1992), the history of timing at the Olympic Games. Greenspan also produced a 30-monitor multiscreen visual and musical tribute to the Olympic Games titled The Spirit of the Olympics (1993) that is on permanent display at the Olympic Museum in Lausanne, Switzerland.

Before the 1988 Seoul Olympics, Greenspan wrote, produced and directed a one-hour television special, An Olympic Dream (1988), which featured the lives of teenage athletes from different parts of the world as they trained for the 1988 Seoul Olympics.


Greenspan has won widespread recognition in a variety of television formats. The Numero Uno (1982) series first aired nationally on PBS features legendary sports champions from thirteen different countries.

This Day in Sports (1979), 20-second features that highlight the most thrilling sports events for each day of the year, was broadcast on CBS, Winter Olympic Vignettes (1980) for ABC TV's coverage of the 1980 Lake Placid Olympics and Sports in America (1979), based on the book by Pulitzer Prize winner, James Michener broadcast nationally on PBS.

In addition to his award-winning films, Greenspan is a Contributing Editor for PARADE magazine, for which he writes the popular Olympic Preview issue. Greenspan has also written several books including three on the Olympics; 100 Greatest Moments in Olympic History, The Olympian's Guide to Winning the Game of Life, and Frozen in Time: The Greatest Moments at the Winter Olympics. Two others, Play it Again, Bud and We Wuz Robbed, deal with famous controversies in the field of sports.

His first spoken-word record album, Great Moments in Sport, earned Greenspan a Gold Record. It was followed by 18 more spoken-word albums, including Witness (the Army/McCarthy hearings), Voices of the 20th Century, The Nuremberg War Crime Trials, The Day FDR Died, Madison Square Garden and December 7, 1941 - the last, an album he produced in association with the New York Times.
2006 Yutaka Terao Award
World Swimming Coaches Association
Coach of the Quadrennum

Eddie Reese

Yutaka Terao of Japan was an early president of the World Swimming Coaches Association. He cared for athletes, coaches, friends and the sport of swimming in a way that will always be remembered. This award perpetuates his name and its recipients exemplify his caring attitude. He died in Fort Lauderdale on May 13, 2001. The award is presented in his memory to represent the enthusiasm, high spirit, leadership skills, sharing of knowledge and goodwill personified by others in their coaching endeavors.

One of the most successful coaches in swimming history, Eddie Reese has a knack of bringing out the best of each swimmer, that is getting them to swim fast. Never without a smile or a kind word, his key is his poolside manner. His swimmers have a lot of fun but underneath they work their hardest. Eddie’s proven success is built on fun, confidence and hard work.

Reese’s ability to train his athletes technically has been big part of his success, but his unique approach to swimming and training may be his best attribute. That combination is what makes Reese one of the world’s finest coaches, regardless of sport. He possesses a thorough knowledge of swimming fundamentals, an eye for talent, a genuine care for his athletes and the ability to communicate and motivate. Always calm, unflappable, amiable and quick with a joke, he is a man who likes to work hard but doesn’t see why hard work must be dull. Eddie’s emphasis has always been ‘the team’. Individual success is derived from team play and team play is successful because of individual success. ‘A lot of people look for the easy way to do anything. And in swimming there is no easy way’, say Reese.

Reese is 1991 and 2005 ASCA Coach of the Year, an eight-time NCAA Coach of the Year and two-time (1992,2004) United States Men’s Olympic Team Head Coach. In his 28 years as Head Coach of the University of Texas, the Longhorns have won nine NCAA Team Titles. Along the way, he has developed 39 NCAA individual champions, 29 national champion relays, 146 All-Americans and 22 Olympians who have won 21 gold medals. Reese – coached, medal winning Olympians Include:

GOLD:
David Bridgewater:*  
Rick Carey  
Ian Crocker  
Josh Davis  
Hans Dersch  
Doug Gjertsen  
Scott Goldbatt  
Gary Hall, Jr.**  
Brendan Hansen  
Brendan Hansen  
Chris Jacobs  
Shaun Jordan  
Aaron Peirsol  
Neil Walker

SILVER
Jason Crocker  
Josh Davis  
Nate Dusing  
Brendan Hansen  
Scott Goldbatt  
Gary Hall, Jr.**  
Aaron Peirsol  
Neil Walker

BRONZE
Ian Crocker  
Nate Dusing  
Doug Gjertsen  
Gary Hall Jr.**  
Brendan Hansen  
Neil Walker

From 1978 to 2003, swimmers Dusing, Goldbatt, Hansen, Crocker, Walker, Hall, Davis, Gjertsen, Carey, Nevid and Peirsol have won a total of 13 gold, 11 silver and 13 bronze medals.

In long course swimming, Reese-coached Rick Carey set three world records in the 100m backstroke and two world records in the 200m backstroke. William Paulus set the 100m butterfly record in 1981. Aaron Peirsol set two world records in each of the 100m and 200m backstroke. Brendan Hansen set 100m and 200m breaststroke records and Ian Crocker set the 50m butterfly world record. Swimmers competing in relays helped set nine world records including Chris Jacobs (400 FR), Doug Gjertsen (800 FR), Rick Carey (400 MR, 4 times), Ian Crocker (400 MR, 2 times)

Eddie was selected Head Coach of the U.S. Men’s Olympic Swimming Team for the 1992 Barcelona Olympics and the 2004 Athens Olympics and assistant coach for the 1988 Seoul Games, 1996 Atlanta Games and 2000 Sydney Games. He was awarded the College Swimming Coaches National Collegiate and Interscholastic Swimming Trophy. Rather than coach the sport of swimming Eddie teachers it; and he places just as much emphasis on teaching the skills of life to his swimmers. He is a prime example of nice guys don’t finish last. They finish first.
Tom Lamar is the unsung hero in the creation of the International Swimming Hall of Fame and in helping to shape the young lives of the boys and girls who he taught and coached in swimming. Least we forget, here is Tom’s story.

He was born on June 20, 1917 in Meriwether County, Georgia and attended school in Hebbardville, a small mill town with a typical commissary operation. His fond childhood memories were Daddy taking him to the Okefenokee Swamp in the family motorcar for fishing, seeing huge alligators and tramping through the swamp. Other memories included K.K.K. demonstrations, parades, cross burnings, church and Sunday school. He was a great sports enthusiast playing baseball, football and basketball with a little swimming.

Tom’s father, worked for the Seaboard Railroad and the family lived in various places in Florida from Starke to Lake Worth, where he graduated from high school. He played Class D baseball in Alabama, worked at a bank in Jacksonville and held a job at United Fruit in New Orleans. After returning to Lake Worth, he became the beach Head Lifeguard, coached the high school swim team, volunteered for U.S. Coast Guard duty and served as the Lake Worth recreation director. All the while, he knew that a college education was necessary to keep improving. So it was on to the University of Miami in 1946, graduating Cum Laude in 16 months and coaching the school’s first legitimate swimming team which went undefeated.

He then coached at Fort Lauderdale High School for six years before moving to Pine Crest School as coach. While in Fort Lauderdale, Tom went into public administration as assistant to the City Manager. In this role, he helped pass the bond issue, which provided the funds to dredge the Intracoastal Waterway and Bahia Mar to fill in the seawall, which is now the site of the International Swimming Hall of Fame. The site became State property and the State granted the rights allowing the Hall of Fame to be built and the City to build a swimming facility. Tom traveled to the 1962 AAU Convention in Detroit to lobby for Fort Lauderdale to become the selected city to host the Swimming Hall of Fame.

Tom then moved on to Winter Park, Florida, where he taught junior high school and coached the Winter Park High School Swim Team. It was during this time that he received a U.S. State Department offer to travel to Iran as an advisor to their Athletic Association, instructing their swim coaches. He returned to Winter Park and retired a few years later in 1973, turning the program over to his assistant, Skip Foster, who continued to produce winning teams.

With 29 State Champion Teams, Tom is the second winningest high school coach in the nation. Only his pupil, Jack Nelson, has more with 30 wins. At the Lake Worth High School, his boys won State Championships in 1945 and 1947 and the girls in 1946. Eight years at Fort Lauderdale High School (1948-1955) saw both boys and girls championship, each of the years. At Pine Crest School, the girls won six successive years (1956-1961) and the boys won in 1957, ’58 and ’59. He had another Championship at Winter Park. As the first great Florida High School Swimming coach, Tom won State Championships at four different schools. He also coached the Winter Park YMCA, which placed second in 1972 at the swimming pool he helped establish- the Hall of Fame Pool.

After two years coaching at the University of Miami, Lamar was selected as the U.S Women's Swimming Team Coach for the 1955 Pan American Games. Two of his swimmers, Carolyn Greene and Cynthia Gill competed on the team. Other swimmers included 1956 Olympian Jack Nelson, who succeeded Tom at Pine Crest School and Phil Drake, butterfly NCAA National Champion.

Lamar has thousands of swimmers who tribute him as their reason for success.
Grand Dame Award / Past Recipients
International Swimming Hall of Fame

Dorothy Carlisle 1985
Virginia Crabbe 1986
Margery Martin 1987
Aileen Riggin Soule 1988
Virginia Young 1989

Eleanor Holm 1990
Alice Lord Landon 1992
Norma Dean Maxwell 1996
Carol Zaleski 1997
Alice P. Kempthorne 1998

Sherrill Nelson 1999
Jean Brattain 2000
Connie Sessions 2000
Betty Philcox Voss 2001
Linda Gill 2002

Geraldine “Jeri” Athey 2003
Marge Councilman 2004
June Kranser 2005
The International Swimming Hall of Fame Dames organization was established in 1965 for the purpose of promoting the interests and projects of the International Swimming Hall of Fame.

Since 1965 Mary L. Oppenheim has been a member of the International Swimming Hall of Fame and has served on the Board of Directors and International Congress for many years. As an original member of the Hall of Fame Dames she has helped with many projects over the years. She has been active in the formative years of ISHOF’s Henning Library, as a volunteer director and as a Henning Library Committee member since 1993. She has served on ISHOF’s Adapted Aquatics Committee and has been an ISHOF Trustee for many years.

Mary learned to swim at the family summer home in Lake George, New York. After graduating from college in 1951, majoring and working in merchandising, she trained to be a Water Safety Instructor. As a faculty member at the Red Cross National Aquatic School, she taught life saving techniques from 1956 to 1973. She organized Red Cross Swimming Programs in Albany and Lake George, NY from 1956 to 1974. In 1952 she taught swimming at Miami Beach, Florida, passing the Florida Pool Operators course. From 1952 to 1979 she attended the Women’s National Aquatic Forum in Hollywood, FL and Pompano Beach, FL and served on its Executive Board as Treasurer. She was also a member of the Men’s Aquatic Forum of the CSCAA.

From 1955 to 1984, Mary judged AAU and US Synchronized Swimming championships in the north and southeast United States. As a life member she served on the historical committee of US Synchronized Swimming and in 1986 passed Levels I and II of coaching in USSS.

She was a member of the Council for National Cooperation in Aquatics serving on many committees including the 1965 Pre-School Swimming Survey Committee to determine who approved or disapproved of Pre-Schoolers learning to swim. As a member of the Aquatic Bibliography Committee she helped published Aquatic Bibliography receiving the Recognition of Appreciation Award in 1972 from the CNCA.

In 1960 Mary toured Denmark, Finland and Sweden with Norma Olsen’s Synchronized Swimming Group, putting on water shows and clinics. The tour included a synchro exhibition at the 1960 Rome Olympics. Upon returning home she was a speaker at the Women’s National Aquatic Forum and at Green Mountain Junior College in describing the Synchronized Swimming Tour.

As a member of America Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance, Mary published an Article “Public Relation and Aquatic Programs” in Aquatic Guide, July 1979-July 1981. Public relations play an important part in planning aquatic programs. In 1982 she published a book, Aquatic Aide - A Guidebook For Water Safety Instruction, which describes qualifications, teaching methods and skills to teach with the American Red Cross and YMCA Swimming and Life Saving Programs, as an Aide.

Mary is a Life Member of the American Swimming Coaches Association (1969), the International Academy of Aquatic Art (1975) and the US Swimming Foundation (1975). She is a past member of United States Water Fitness Association.

In 1994 Mary was inducted into the Endicott College Athletic Hall of Fame for demonstrating the qualities that combine athletic success with leadership.

Her life has been filled with the experiences and achievements which represent the character of the International Swimming Hall of Fame and the Hall of Fame Dames.
2006 Service Awards
International Swimming Hall of Fame

Diane Brennan
The International Swimming Hall of Fame
Service Award

Dennis Carey
The Judge Martin Award
Virginia Hunt Newman has been called “The Mother of Infant Swimming.” She pioneered and focused worldwide attention on the non-forceful, non-traumatic method of teaching infants and preschool-age children to swim, earning great respect as an innovator in the field. She began her swimming career at the Indianapolis Athletic Club. From 1940 to 1948 she was a diver for the Los Angeles Athletic Club, winning swimming and diving titles. She performed in water shows with Johnny Weissmuller and Buster Crabbe for the USO. In 1950, Virginia wrote and directed a series of springboard diving films while working as an aquatic director and swimming coach at the Black Fox Military Academy in Los Angeles.

In 1962, she gained international attention when her star student, Bing Crosby’s daughter Mary Frances, passed the Red Cross Beginner Test at age two, the youngest ever to be awarded the certificate. Red Cross Honorary Chairman Johnny Weissmuller presented the certificate to Mary Frances on national television, with coverage by “Life,” “Look” and “Time” magazines. This was the catalyst for Virginia to compile her methods of non-traumatic teaching in her 1967 book, Teaching an Infant to Swim, a bestseller published in England, Australia, Germany, Sweden, Italy and Japan.

Teaching Young Children to Swim and Dive was published in 1969. Its method of teaching swimming by distracting children from normal fears associated with learning has been emulated by thousands of instructors worldwide. Some of the thousands of children taught by Virginia include those of John Wayne, Bob Hope, Alan Ladd, Bob Newhart, Sonny & Cher, Shari Lewis, and Danny DeVito and Rhea Pearlman. She has conducted numerous national and world clinics and workshops on teaching children to swim.

Terje, a graduate of the Business Academy of Oslo, is currently manager of the Norwegian Lifesaving Federation in Oslo and Baerum. He has been an instructor in swimming and life saving for 27 years and a teacher of baby swimming for 15 years. Moreover, he trains instructors in swimming, baby swimming, lifesaving, CPR and first aid and for 27 years he was the vice-president in the Norwegian Lifesaving Association.


Terje’s baby swim school is a part of the Oslo and Baerum District of the Norwegian Lifesaving Association. He has been an advocate of Virginia Hunt Newman’s gentle approach to teaching babies to swim. He has been an international speaker at Virginia Hunt Newman’s World Aquatic Baby Congress in Hawaii, France and Helsinki, Finland. In October 2004 he was Director for the Nordic Conference on Baby Swimming in Oslo. In 2002 he produced a baby swim video “The Truthful Face of Baby Swim”. In April 2006 he completed a second DVD named: “How to Teach Young Children to Swim.”

Terje is a shining example of Virginia’s gentle methods of teaching babies to swim, giving voice to those not yet able to speak for themselves. Terje’s leadership and commitment represent Virginia’s philosophy not only in the pool as an instructor, but also in his conference presentations. Through his use of poetry and unique theatrical acting when producing his one-man stage show, he “shows off” the evolution of the gentle baby swimming approach. This ingenious production of the show/play entitled “Baby Swim from the Very Start and Into the Future” pays tribute to Virginia, and follows her vision of using play and kindness, not force and tears to teach babies to swim.

Using a poetic verse to describe his feelings for Virginia’s method of teaching:

Terje writes:

Virginia Hunt Newman was a Pioneer,
And She Made It Quite Clear,
Non-Forceful is the Only Way,
And in That Direction it Has to Stay.
Be Gentle from the Very Start,
If You’re Going to be Smart.

Terje is 46 years old, married and has two sons.
Setting the world standard.

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2006 John K. Williams, Jr. International Adapted Aquatics Award
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On Exhibit at the International Swimming Hall of Fame

From Bloomer’s to Bikini’s: How the sport of Swimming Changed Western Culture In the 20th Century

From Bloomer’s to Bikini’s: How the Sport of Swimming Changed Western Society in the 20th Century, is a multimedia exhibit that demonstrates how swimming acted as the most significant cultural force in the women’s rights movement of the 20th Century. This exhibit demonstrates how the sport of swimming changed the way women dressed, thought about themselves and the way society thought about women and their role in society. The exhibit primarily focuses on four women swimmers who broke through the social and moral barriers that held women back during the Victorian era: Annette Kellerman, the Australian beauty who was possibly the most influential female cultural icon of the 20th Century; Charlotte Epstein, a New York City court reporter who forced women’s sports on the American Olympic Committee; Gertrude Ederle, who accomplished the single greatest athletic feat by a woman and who proved that women were capable of competing in strenuous activities equally with men; and Donna deVarona, the California girl whose compelling testimony before congress lead to the passage of Title IX legislation, fostering equitable opportunities for women in sports, the classroom and in the workplace.

A Brief History of Swimming – From Ancient Times to 1904

Swimming was so important in the ancient world that both the Greeks and Romans stigmatized people who were uneducated and uncivilized by saying that they could “neither read nor swim.”

Swimming was enjoyed throughout the Roman Empire by both men and women of all classes and when they bathed, it was in the nude. After Rome’s col- lapse, swimming fell out of favor in the Christian west. The Popes also railed against the sexual excesses of the Roman baths and equated both nudity and swimming with sin. During the Middle Ages open air bathing was thought to be a cause of the plague.

Interest in swimming revived somewhat during the Age of Exploration when sailors thought it might be a good idea to know how to swim before stepping on board their ships. But the interest in swimming was confined to coastal seafaring communities and was exclusively in the domain of males, who swam in the nude. By the beginning of the 18th Century, bathing for therapeutic purposes became popular with the rich and famous at thermal springs and spas throughout Europe. But most people still bathed infrequently and the typical "swim" was little more than a brief dip in the water.

One of the first popularizers of swimming in the 18th Century was Benjamin Franklin. In fact, swimming was responsible for young Ben’s first inventions, hand paddles and swim fins. In London, in the early 1700’s, Franklin created something of a sensation with his swims in the Thames. Later, when serving as the Ambassador to France during the American Revolution, Franklin would swim before going to bed on hot summer nights and wrote how this cooled the body and led to a sound night’s sleep. Because Franklin, like all male swimmers of his time, swam in the nude, swimming was deemed inappropriate for women until, tradition has it, one of Franklin’s female admirers threw herself into the Seine fully dressed. While this popularized public bathing for women it did not lead to swimming because the “Bathing Gowns” that conformed to the “Biblical modesty” were so bulky and heavy that they made swimming impossible.

In the late 1800’s, the Bloomer costume appeared. The bloomer was a more functional costume, but as the popularity of seaside bathing increased, Victorian moralists saw danger in the attempts to devise a more practical swimming costume and the mixing of boys and girls and men and women in the water. They worried about the dangerous sexual arousal in males that might follow a chance glimpse of the female form and warned that mixed bathing would undermine the “moral fabric of society.”

What makes this story relevant today is that the sermons and speeches of the Victorian moralists of the Victorian era (1850 – 1901) sound nearly identical to those of today’s modern Islamic fundamentalist clerics. Like in many parts of the Islamic world today, Victorian women had limited legal rights, limited educational and occupational opportuni-
ties and no right to vote. Their place was in the home and they were expected to be submissive and subservient to their fathers and husbands. In matters of dress, modesty, not practicality was the prime concern. Athletics were considered unfeminine and unhealthy for women and when it came to swimming, mixed bathing was prohibited and obscenity laws required dark, non-form revealing costumes that covered the body from head to toe -- restrictions that made learning to swim nearly impossible.

What changed our world was a disaster of catastrophic proportions that triggered a chain of events to move our society out of the Victorian era and into the modern times.

Before 1904, most people thought that when ships sank, the ability to swim made little difference as all on board typically perished. So it didn’t matter if women knew how to swim. But in 1904 a curious set of circumstances would demonstrate the utility of knowing how to swim and the differences in the ability of men and women to survive in the water.

It was on June 15th, 1904 that St. Mark’s Lutheran Church, a German-American parish in lower Manhattan, chartered the excursion boat General Slocum for its annual church picnic. Because the 15th was a Wednesday, a work day, few men and older boys were among the more than 1,400 passengers when the Slocum left its South Street dock, bound for a picnic ground on the north shore of Long Island. Ten minutes after passing under the Williamsburg Bridge, a fire broke out in the bow of the old steamer. The captain, perhaps afraid of setting the city on fire, did not pull into a dock, but sailed on up the river. He ordered the crew to man the fire hoses and distribute life preservers, but both the hoses and preservers were rotten and useless. As the fire spread toward the stern, the crew abandoned ship, leaving the women and children to fend for themselves. Forced to choose between the fire and the water, many jumped into the East River. The end result was that nearly a thousand of the passengers, almost all of whom were women and girls, drowned because they were unable to swim less than fifty yards to shore. Thus began a civil rights movement - the right of self-preservation by knowing how to swim - that would shake the foundations of Western Civilization.

Annette Kellerman

You may never have heard of Annette Kellerman. Many people haven’t, even though, I would argue, she was perhaps the most significant cultural influence of the 20th Century. Annette Kellerman was an Australian beauty who - long before Elle MacPherson - was known as “The Perfect Woman.” She was a self-promoter who - long before Madonna - got herself arrested, knowing the commercial value of sensation. A thespian who - long before Nicole Kidman - was a Queen of the Screen. And, a fitness guru who - long before Jane Fonda - showed middle-aged women how to keep fit and beautiful.

Annette Kellerman was born in Sydney, Australia in 1886, the daughter of a music professor. She was crippled with polio at two and had to wear leg braces until she was seven. Her doctor recommended that she take up swimming to strengthen her limbs and by the time she was 16 held the world record in the 100-meters. Then she moved to marathon swimming, setting records in distances never before attempted by a woman. To help her cash strapped family, she left Australia with her father, with the hope of earning money as a professional swimmer in England. She startled Londoners by swimming 17 miles down the Thames in five hours. In Paris she raced against 17 men down the Seine, finishing second. She was the first woman to ever try swimming the English Channel. Now famous, she fliucked the switch to vaudeville. Billed as "The Diving Venus," and "The Australian Mermaid," she performed swimming and diving feats, in a glass tank, dressed in a figure hugging one piece bathing suit, at the London Hippodrome. She also invented a new art form - underwater ballet, the precursor of synchronized swimming.

In 1907, Annette and her father left London to seek greater fame and fortune in America. New York theater operators, however, were not impressed and found her swimming costumes offensive to American moral sensibilities. In spite of the General Slocum disaster little progress had been made in teaching women to swim and Annette was appalled by the cumbersome dress and pantaloon combinations that prevented American women from swimming. "I can't swim wearing more stuff than you hang on a clothesline," she reportedly said before walking on to Revere Beach near Boston wearing a one piece bathing suit that exposed her shapely form and bare legs. It was an act of defiance that resulted in her arrest and imprisonment for “indecent exposure.”

When her case came to trial she admitted violating the law but asked the judge how many more women would have to die because they didn’t learn to swim? “What difference is there from these legal costumes than wearing led chains around our legs?” She brought to court a man’s suit onto which she had sown leggings, making a one piece suit that technically conformed to the law, which required women to be covered from neck to toe. The sympathetic judge agreed to drop the charges against her, in return for her promise to only wear this swimsuit. The resulting newspaper headlines and outpourings of public support tolled a death-knell for Victorian attitudes towards women's swimwear and fashion and gave young women and girls a role model and encouraged them to swim. It also made Annette Kellerman a star.

Then in 1909, a Harvard academic announced that after examining and
measuring 10,000 different women he had found the one woman who most closely matched classical physical perfection. That woman was Annette Kellerman. Now billed as the “Perfect Woman” she titillated standing room only audiences of nearly 6,000 people at New York’s Hippodrome theater in her diaphanous, figure-hugging costumes by swimming, diving and performing underwater ballet in a glass tank.

In 1914 the infant film industry beckoned her to Hollywood where she was hailed by Tinseltown's publicity machine as a modern-day Diana and Venus de Milo. She wrote a script for a film called Neptune's Daughter (1914), which cost a modest $35,000 to make but which was the first film to gross $1 million. The film had a cast of over 20,000 extras and sets were half a mile long. The film was a commercial success, grossing over $1 million, and was one of the most important cultural figures of the 20th Century.

**Memorabilia/materials on display:**

1. Black woolen one piece bathing suit worn by Annette Kellerman (shown on mannequin)
2. Red cape, worn by Annette Kellerman (shown on mannequin)
3. Red sequined pants and vest, worn by Annette Kellerman in underwater shows
4. Kellerman books and trading cards (on loan from Chuck Kroll)
5. “Annette Kellerman Medal Cup” – a silver cup presented by Annette Kellerman to Gertrude Ederle in 1926
6. Annette Kellerman movie poster (on loan from Chuck Kroll)
7. Swimsuit worn by Annette Kellerman in the 1930’s
8. Documentary DVD, “The Original Mermaid”
9. Photo with Esther Williams on the set of “Million Dollar Mermaid”
10. Volumes of “Physical Instruction” (on loan from Chuck Kroll)
11. Esther Williams exhibits

**Charlotte Epstein, Gertrude Ederle and the Women’s Swimming Association**

The best known group of girl athletes in the United States in the first half of the 20th Century, were not tennis players, golfers, runners or volleyball players, but swimmers. This was, of course, due to in part to Annette Kellerman, the sex appeal of young attractive women in bathing suits and to various gentlemen responsible for picture taking and publishing. But it was also due to the efforts of Charlotte Epstein, the founder of the Women’s Swimming Association (WSA) of New York City.

Charlotte Epstein was a 26 year old Manhattan courtroom stenographer when she joined the local branch of the nascent National Women’s Life Saving League in 1911. The League was organized shortly after the Slocum disaster and it taught girls and women how to swim and basic lifesaving skills. Possessing great leadership, managerial and promotional skills, Epstein soon became the League’s chairman.

In those days women did not compete in strenuous athletics. It was not considered healthy for girls to overexert themselves. People thought it was a great mistake, that girls would ruin their health, that they would never have children, and that they would be sorry for it later on. It was also thought that athletics would make women muscular and unfeminine. While the Slocum disaster provided women with an opportunity to become swimmers and Annette Kellerman became an iconic role model for the new woman, there was still a great deal of publicity against women competing in athletics.

It was in this social environment that Charlotte Epstein organized the Women’s Swimming Association (WSA) of New York, in 1917. It was the first all women’s sporting club formed in the USA for the purpose of training champion swimmers. Aware of the publicity against women as athletes, she made sure her girls were paragons of virtue. The motto of the organization was “Sportsmanship before winning” and Epstein made sure the girls were taught table manners, how to dress and how to be ladies in the pool and out. She had them photographed helping their...
mothers with housework.

Internationally, women had gained limited acceptance as athletes. In 1900 six women were allowed to give exhibitions at the Olympic Games in gymnastics and tennis and in 1912 two swimming events for women were included on the Olympic program. But neither the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States (A.A.U.) or the American Olympic Committee recognized female athletics and no American women were sent to the Games in Stockholm.

In 1917, under pressure from the W.S.A. and other sporting groups, the A.A.U. formally, but begrudgingly recognized women swimmers. It was the only sport recognized for women, and Charlotte Epstein became the organization’s first female program chairwoman. There were conditions however: the women had to be covered from neck to toe (wearing the “Kellerman suit”); this suit had to be covered by a robe immediately before and after their races, and they could not compete in the presence of any men except officials of the A.A.U.

Knowing that the dress code adopted by the A.A.U. would handicap the American girls when competing at the Olympic Games, Epstein collaborated with several New York Newspapers in 1919 to stage a dramatic protest reminiscent of Annette Kellerman’s Revere Beach theatrics. Before a crew of photographers, America’s two greatest women swimmers, Charlotte Boyle and Ethelda Bleibtrey, appeared on Manhattan Beach without stockings and were arrested for “nude swimming.” The papers had a field day and the public outrage not only led to the girls’ release, but released American women from stockings forevermore.

Swimmers and divers were the only women athletes to represent the U.S.A. at the both the 1920 and 1924 Olympic Games and they dominated. Epstein’s next great publicity stunt would result in the greatest athletic feat ever accomplished by a woman.

Memorabilia/materials on display
1. Women’s swim suits worn by WSA members
2. Lou Handley swimming books
3. A collection of WSA scrapbooks, letters and documents
4. Photographs of Epstein and WSA members
5. WSA swimsuits and other memorabilia

Gertrude Ederle
Since prehistoric times, the English Channel has been a barrier that has tantalized the imaginations of mankind. At its narrowest point, it’s a 21 mile strait of cold, forbidding waters that separates Europe from England. The most primitve means for crossing the Channel, of course, is swimming, and years before Mt. Everest was discovered, swimming the English Channel was identified as nature’s greatest physical challenge to mankind. It wasn’t until 1872 that the first person actually attempted to swim across the Channel and when Matthew Webb actually did it three years later, he became a worldwide celebrity. The international fame Webb claimed inspired many imitators (including Annette Kellerman), but over the next 50 years only five men were able to replicate Webb’s accomplishment.

It was at the 1924 Olympic Games in Paris when Epstein came up with the idea of making a dramatic political statement about the physical capabilities of women. The idea was for Handley to train a girl to swim across the English Channel on the 50th anniversary of Webb’s success. And not only would a woman cross it, but because the five successful men all swam the breaststroke, a slow stroke in comparison to the modern crawl stroke Handley’s girls were using, they were convinced that a woman could cross the Channel in a time faster than all the successful men.

Gertrude Ederle had entered the 1924 Olympic Games as a favorite to win three gold medals, but returned only with a bronze medal and relay gold. She had something to prove and it was this plucky daughter of a German butcher who was selected by Epstein for the Channel swim. In August of 1925, the two ladies departed for England, but their dreams were dashed when their British guide caused her to be disqualified by touching her mid-way in the channel. The supreme-ly determined Ederle returned the next year to try again and on August 14, 1926, she successfully swam the Channel from Calais, France to Dover, England. It wasn’t just that she did what was thought impossible for a woman, or that she beat the best time by a man by over two hours, but she proved to the world that women had the stamina to participate in physically demanding activities and a level equal to men. Today, it is almost impossible to imagine the excitement her feat generated, but when she returned home to New York City, it was as the most famous woman in the world. Over 2 million New Yorkers lined Broadway to greet her and she received the greatest ticker tape parade in history. Her feat was a landmark in the women’s rights movement was the greatest single athletic feat by a woman in history.

Memorabilia/materials on display
1. Two-piece bathing suit worn by Ederle during her English Channel swim
2. Documentary video of her English Channel Swim by Bud Greenspan
3. Assorted trophies and medals won by Ederle
4. Original photographs and newspaper articles/scrapbooks

Donna deVarona
In 1964, there were two great aquatic stars who between them won a total of six Gold medals at the Tokyo Olympic Games. Both were young, blond and
attractive. They appeared on the cover of Life Magazine together. They swam for the same swim club in Santa Clara, California and graduated from high school in the class of ‘64. While it would appear that the same opportunities would present themselves to these two great athletes, there was one difference that made the same bright future impossible at the time: one was a male and the other a female.

Their names were Don Schollander and Donna de Varona. After returning home from Tokyo, Don went on to swim at Yale for four years and in 1968 added two more Olympic gold medals to his collection. For Donna, there were no scholarships or varsity swimming programs in college for women in those days. Don’t feel sorry for her though. While she didn’t have the same opportunities as Don to swim in college, she became the first female sports reporter for a major network (ABC) and has enjoyed a long and successful career in the broadcast industry. And, she became a beacon in the campaign for gender equity. She told her story to the nation’s legislators in private and to public forums and her testimony before congress played an important role in the passage of Title IX, which has opened the doors for athletic, educational and professional opportunities for millions of girls and women since its passage in 1972.

Memorabilia/materials on display
1. Extensive collection of photographs, swimsuits, awards, medals and certificates.
SYBIL BAUER—I can see her as if it were last week instead of eight years ago at the Olympic Stadium in Paris. The tight black cap that covered her brown hair, the dripping black silk racing suit which clung to her long-limbed figure. She was hanging onto the rails with one hand, and with the other she was urging me to come ahead. With all the breath she had left—Sybil herself had just won that hundred meter race—she was shouting at me to win—win points for America.

Sybil was like that. She never thought of herself. She won easily and graciously. Without apparently trying, she excelled at everything: golf, hockey, basketball, student activities, in her studies at Northwestern University and most particularly in swimming. She was the first and perhaps only woman backstroke champion to break a man’s quarter-mile record—the record which had been set by Harold Kruger of Honolulu—and she held it until her death in 1926.

However, with the rest of us on the team she was not lenient. She made us practice. She gave us fight talks. She supplied courage and enthusiasm when ours gave out. She was determined that we win.

She did more than that. She actually mothered us. At swimming meets it was always Sybil who had a needle and thread or a cure for sunburn; Sybil who was ready to lend you a blouse or a hat, or give you advice about a broken date or a broken heart.

She was older than we were, with a savoir faire which must have been natural because she could never have acquired it at twenty, and a sense of humor which no unexpected calamity could shake. When we went to Chicago for a swimming meet, Sybil would see that all seventeen or eighteen of us on the team went to parties, the right parties where we would meet the right men. And the right men flocked around Sybil. Every fraternity at Northwestern was glad to entertain all or any of us at Sybil’s request.

Long before I had met Sybil Bauer I had heard about her. So had all of us at the Women’s Swimming Association in New York. We knew that she was the backstroke champion whom William Bach-
those same quick turns, those long strokes, the easy movement of arms above the head, not short, not tense and wider than the ones we were accustomed to using. Afterward, in the N. Y. W. S. A. we adopted this arm technique which was natural to Sybil Bauer and which William Bachrach had perfected.

Brighton was to decide the National Championship, and from the first time that we saw Sybil shoot down the pool we knew that she would be the new national backstroke champion. But not one of us was envious of her. You couldn’t envy a girl who would share anything from her newest pocket handkerchief to her oldest admirer.

That fall Sybil, who was twenty-two, entered Northwestern University. We heard rumors that she was going in for hockey and golf, the student and dramatic council, and that she was also studying very hard. Incidentally, her achievements as listed now in the Syllabus, the Northwestern year book, read like the records college presidents are always trying to find, but never do: Gamma Phi Beta; President of Woman’s Athletic Association; Member of Student Council; Member of Daughters of Neptune; Publication Committee of the Y. W. C. A.; Captain of Freshman Swimming Team; Manager, Sophomore Year; Junior Worker’s Committee; Thalian Dramatic Club; Speech Syllabus Board; Captain Junior Hockey Team; Captain of Varsity Hockey Team Senior Year; Member Basketball Team Junior Year; Member of the Mortar Board, etc.

You can well imagine that when the news of her activities reached us, we did not expect to find the woman’s backstroke champion at the various swimming contests. There is a circuit of these. From February to April, outdoor contests in St. Augustine and Miami. In the fall, Chicago and Detroit, the west coast or even as far away as Honolulu for in-door swimming. Then in December, Buffalo.

But when we arrived in Buffalo for Christmas, there was Sybil. She met us at the train. She greeted us with; “Listen here, children, get yourselves over to the hotel and into old knickers. Then we’ll go sliding!”

She had discovered that the long slope of frozen spray below Niagara Falls made a glorious slide. The rest of the crowd were not so enthusiastic, but between exhibitions Sybil and I spent most of our spare time, and I might add, increased the knicker budget, hurtling down the Niagara ice mounds.

Two months later, when we were in St. Augustine, she joined us again. We all went on to Miami and then to Bermuda. At that time I was metropolitan champion, so in contests Sybil and I were always matched against one another. In a sense we were rivals, but ever since Brighton we had been good friends. In Bermuda our friendship was cemented—by a bicycle.

My education had been neglected as far as bicycles were concerned. Other children had owned them—and fallen off them—had finally learned to go paddling along on two wheels. I never had—and just try to learn to ride a bicycle after you are fifteen—but the whole team had carried me on their handle-bars, until I thought it might be a good idea to propel myself around Bermuda.

Of course it was Sybil who offered to teach me. She did her best to show me that pedals were not strange rubberized animals which leapt into space of their own accord. She plucked me out of the white Bermuda dust and bandaged my various minor wounds. But after a week, it became obvious even to my persistent tutor that I would never become a cyclist.

Those weeks in Bermuda were the happiest and most carefree that I have ever known. One lazy day some one discovered a water-polo ball and organized two teams. Gertrude Edeler was captain of one team and Sybil of ours. The games developed into pitched battles. We might have been trying for another National Championship. The Edeler’s may not have approved of the Bauers—but the Bauers won the All Bermuda Cup.

Everybody on the Island entertained us and the governor lent us a tallyho. We went driving through Bermuda in high state, horns blowing, uniformed footmen shouting and Sybil on the box.

After her swimming triumphs all over America, there was little doubt that the 1924 Olympics would see Sybil Bauer as world’s backstroke champion. Months before we had planned to share a cabin going over and to see Paris together. Aboard ship there were three hundred and fifty Americans and only twenty of us were girls. In Paris Prince Murat turned his château over to us.

It sounds like a tremendous athletic holiday. Aboard ship it was, but in Paris we were in training. No late evenings—much less late nights—and at five every morning we had to get up and practice. Perhaps I had better explain that there were so many entries in the Olympics that year that the final contestants... [Continued on page 97]
had to go through preliminary heats or trials. The stadium, naturally, was so crowded with the five hundred Allied representatives, trying out for their own country that the earlier hour in the day when we would be uninterrupted.

The afternoons, at least, were ours, and although it was late July, Paris was Paris and I went to cultivate performances of the opera. We went to dancing at the Château Madrid, and some of those other charming cafes in the Bois, where the afternoon sun scarcely penetrated the green forest roof overhead. We tangoed to tunes which never seem to have the same magic anywhere else but Paris.

With the records Sybil held there was nothing for her to worry about. Incidentally, it has not been until the last months that any of these records have been broken, by Eleanor Holm. Sybil could easily make the hundred meters in a minute and twenty-two seconds. My record was nearly the same, but I was quite out of practice, and Sybil was the English girl whose standing was next, had never approached that time either in her own country or abroad. Moreover, it never had to defend my swimming championship—I was going into the swimming finals. Naturally there was no hope of my defeating Sybil Bauer, but there was always one who came in the first or second, ahead of Phyllis Harding—and win points for America. And Sybil was determined that I be second. Every day we swam ten lengths.

"Of course you can do it. Keep at it! Phyllis Harding may be good, but you and I have been swimming for years. We’re a perfect team—if you’re in shape. You’ve got to win those points for America, Aileen!"

Practice—when I put in hours diving every day, and then I’d try out the backstroke. But after one of her friendly lashings I’d always dive back into the water. Sybil and I would match. My record was nearly up to her. That was something, but my shorter legs and arms simply would not cover the same distance in the same time. I had not an inch on Sybil. But the day of the race! That olympia arena filled with ten thousand cheering people. Sybil ahead of Phyllis Harding and me by at least four lengths, and Sybil grasping the rails, waving her free arm, trying to give me courage with her eyes and her lips. I couldn’t hear her above the shouts of the crowd, but I knew she was trying to tell me: "You can make it, Aileen!"

The fall after Sybil won the world’s championship, she went in more enthusiastically than ever for college activities. She wrote me that she had been made captain of both the basketball and hockey teams. Also she had been elected a member of the Mortar Board.

I wired my congratulations, and I remember she wrote me: "Why not? Occasionally I ought to use my brains as well as the long legs. But wait a minute—if you’re an athlete you’re not supposed to have brains, are you? Well, then, maybe it was luck. But whatever it was, thanks for the telegram."

That was characteristic of Sybil, refusing to take her own accomplishments seriously.

It was February of the same winter that thirty of us toured Florida in a bus. Imagine us, thirty girls and a patient driver who pointed out the sights. We had a glorious time, and the bus broke down at first even that seemed part of the adventure.

A touring car rescued us, and we scrambled in. There wasn’t room for all of us, so Sybil clung to the running-board. The car was old, with worn-out springs, and the road was rough. Suddenly we hit a rut. All of us were knocked forward, and Sybil was thrown off. She didn’t shriek or scream as any other girl would have. She didn’t even cry. She looked at her head. She simply said she thought she better he taken to a doctor, and would the driver please go slow because her arm’s hurt. We had no idea that both her arms were broken over the wrists.

It was nearly a year before any of us suspected how the shock of that accident would affect her now, of the result of her internal injuries would be.

At first the fractures did not knit as well as they should have, but by spring Sybil Bauer was again entered in the usual swimming meets. Her technique was as perfect as before—the same long arm strokes which we had admired for the first time at Brighton and which we might adopt but which we could never equal. We decided that Sybil Bauer was accident-proof, defeat-proof. And then we heard that she was in the hospital again.

That was after Gertrude Ederle had started the world by swimming the English Channel. She was flying to San Francisco to tour with Ederle America. From Portland to Buffalo and back again to Los Angeles, Rotary Clubs and the press, school children and society matrons entertained her and begged for her autograph. Helen Wainwright and I were along with Gertrude on this triumphant tour, but when we arrived in Chicago, the pleasure in our successes was gone. Sybil Bauer was very ill.

Some of the boys who we had known in the beginning of our supply company were our unofficial hostesses, came to take us out to see her. It was a decided tribute to Sybil’s charm that not one of the men who had roused her, when she was a champion as well as the most popular girl in the Middle West, neglected her during the long months of her illness.

When we arrived at the hospital I couldn’t believe at first that the girl in bed was Sybil Bauer, the Sybil who had driven a tallyho through Bermuda, who loved to go to little cafes in the Bois, the girl we had known and loved and competed against for four years. Her eyes were just as blue, but they were too big to be the same. Her high cheekbones stood out from her emancipated face, and her brown hair, which had always been so soft and shining, was lusterless.

But Sybil was still holding court. She was still the hostess. She told me that she was to be married at the end of the term, as soon as she had graduated. She showed us the hope chest full of monogrammed linen and delicate lingerie, which her Gamma Phi Beta sisters had sent her for Christmas.

"Weren’t they darling? I couldn’t do anything about a trousseau, so they gave me this chest ready made. Think what a catch I am for any man not with a dowry like this!"

She refused to talk about her illness, and as usual her courage was contagious. By the time we were ready to leave I began to believe that Sybil would get well. Outside the door I asked the nurse how long it would take for her patient to recover. She said she didn’t know—exactly. She was efficient and cheerful, and middle-aged—certainly not an emotional woman—but when she answered me she brushed her white starched sleeve across her eyes to keep me from seeing the tears.

The next month, in Toronto, the telegram came. Sybil Bauer was dead.

About the author: Aileen Riggin

Born in Newport, R.I., Riggin learned to swim at age 6 in the Philippines, where her father, a Navy officer, was stationed. At 11, she joined the newly formed Women’s Swimming Association of New York. L. de B. Handley, the volunteer coach of the small group, introduced her to the American crawl, which he had perfected. Riggin progressed rapidly. However, weighing only 65 pounds, she was not yet strong enough to compete against the top swimming stars. Having studied ballet at the Metropolitan Opera House in New York, she saw much the same discipline in diving and began moving in that direction.

At the Olympic tryouts in 1920, 65 pound 14-year-old placed second in platform diving and third in springboard diving.

"As it turned out, the girl who won the springboard, Helen Wainwright, was also 14, and the girl who won the high dive was 15," she said. "The officials said they would take women, reluctantly, but they wouldn’t take children and they wouldn’t be responsible for them. That started a hoopla in the New York papers. We had our trunks all packed. We unpacked them and we cried. Then some of the girls got really annoyed and they descended on the U.S. Olympic Committee and said, ‘These kids won fairly and deserve to go, and we will be personally responsible for them.’ In those days, we were really kids, not as sophisticated as the young girls today. They finally agreed to let us go."

Riggin went on to capture the gold medal in springboard diving at 1920 Antwerp Olympics, the first Olympics in which women officially competed. Four years later, at the Paris Olympics, she became the first and still the only woman to win medals in swimming (bronze) and diving (silver) in the same Olympics.

In 1926, after establishing herself as one of the first world-class women athletes, Riggin turned professional, giving swimming and diving exhibitions worldwide and became one of America’s first female sports journalists. Riggin also appeared in several Hollywood films, including "Roman Scandals" (1933) and "One in a Million" (1936). In 1939 she joined the Billy Rose Aquacade and served as Rose’s choreographer and "Aquamaid" instructor. Her athletic career did not end in her youth. She set an age-class record in the 1976 Waikiki Roughwater Swim and set numerous world age-class records in pool swimming well into her 90s.

Aileen Riggin Soule was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame in Fort Lauderdale, Fl., in 1967 and served as Grande Dame of the Hall during 1988. She passed away in 2002. A photo exhibit of Aileen Riggin’s “Wet and Wonderful Life” is now on display at ISHOF.
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Dale Petranech (USA)

In 1977, Dale was appointed the initial United States Swimming Open Water Swimming Committee Chairman. During her tenure, the United States Open Water program developed from one race to a quasi-national event to an adequately funded and successful international program. He welcomed the Masters swimmers as part of the USS Open Water Committee and as the sport grew, he assisted the Masters in forming an independent organization. He was chairman of the FINA Open Water Swimming Commission; a group assigned to study and make reservations to FINA for inclusion of Open Water Swimming into their activities. He eventually served as Honorary Secretary of the FINA Technical Open Water Swimming Committee. He assisted in writing the International FINA Open Water Swimming Rules. He served as a FINA Open Water Official at several World Championships and World Cup events. He acted as escort for USS National Team Swimmers at two FINA World Cups. In 1985, he became the oldest person to swim the Catalina Channel in California. Since the early 1990’s, he served as the Honorary Secretary of the International Marathon Swimming Hall of Fame and has promoted the induction of the finest marathon swimmers in the world into the International Swimming Hall of Fame.
2005 International Marathon Swimming Hall of Fame Honorees

Sid Cassidy (USA) Coach / Administrator

As a swimmer, Sid Cassidy had a brief but successful professional career. In 1977 he was ranked 4th in the world. The same year he finished second to Jim Barry in the Atlantic City Swim. Finishing only a minute behind, he made up almost twenty minutes from a ninth place position in the second half of the race. John Kinsella was third and Claudio Plit was fourth. Sid is only one of three swimmers ever to beat the great Kinsella. Cassidy finished eighth in 1980 and '81 and fourth in '88. He won the race in 1978 when it was organized as a regional race. He also swam races in Chicago, and did some races in Canada and Egypt. In 1990 while coaching the USA Swimming National Team he swam on the team that set the team record for the English Channel from England to France, France to England and, in the process, the fastest double.

Despite his excellent record as a swimmer, he is better known as a coach/trainer and administrator. In 1995, he replaced Penny Dean as the USA Swimming National Open Water Coach and served as USA Head Coach through 1996 (5 years). From his own club, he coached Jay Wilkerson and Samantha Chabotar to National Championships and also escorted numerous medal winners in World Championships, World Cups, etc.

As a meet Director he hosted his first U.S. National Championship in 1990 in Tallahassee - the cable swim. He also acted as race director for International races and the FINA Open Water Cup events at Atlantic City. He directed at least one international race each year from 1999 through 2004, a total of six years.

He has been a member of the FINA Technical Open Water Swimming Committee since 1996. On April 9, 2006, he was appointed the Committee Chairman with duties to include overseeing the Open Water International Program throughout the world including the FINA World Marathon Cup Series, the FINA World Championships and the first Olympic Open Water event in Beijing, China in 2008. He has recently been appointed as the Aquatic Director at St. Andrews School in Boca Raton Florida. He will become very active in the Promotion of Open Water events and bringing International Open Water events to Florida.

Silvia Dalotto (ARG) Administrator

Silvia Dalotto has done much to enhance marathon swimming in Argentina and throughout South America. Upon completion of her own marathon swimming career, Silvia assisted the Race Organizers in Argentina with the organization of their respective races. During this period, she built an extremely tight bond with the swimmers and acted on their behalf with race organizers. She became the liaison with the South American swimmers and the other marathon event organizers throughout the world as well as the contact with the world’s swimmers to the South American events. During the critical financial crisis in Argentina, she was primarily responsible for the continuance of many events. She proved to be an excellent liaison between the Argentina Swimming Association and the race promoters. She is a certified FINA Open Water Official and has officiated at the FINA Open Water World Championships. On a visit to the United States, she was asked to attend a meeting of the Atlantic City Marathon Swim Organizing Committee. Her explanations and presentations proved invaluable in the committee decision-making process.

Peter Jurzynski (USA) Swimmer

With eleven crossings, Peter Jurzynski is the American male with the most English Channel crossings. With 15 attempts, his first crossing was in 1987 when he swam from England to France in his best time of 12 hr 7 min. The next year he swam from France to England in a time of 13 hr and 21 min. Between 1992 and 2000, he completed another six England to France swims under the Channel Swimming Association banner followed by three more crossings under the banner of the Channel Swimming and Pilots Federation. He continues to train, book swims and add to his record.
Marcella A. MacDonald, D.P.M. (USA) Swimmer

Known affectionately as Marcy, Marcella has earned the title “First Lady of America – CS&PF” for having completed the most swims across the English Channel by an American woman. Of her eight successful crossings, four of them were as parts of two, two-way crossings. She is the only American woman to successfully complete a two-way English Channel crossing.

Marcy was an All-Conference swimmer on the Manchester (CT) High School Girls Swimming Team also competing on the girls softball team, where a few years later (1985), she became an All-American Honorable Mention Softball Player at American International College in Springfield, MA.

She started swimming long distance in the late 1980’s, by completing the Boston Harbor Swim (10 miles), Chesapeake Bay Swim (4.5 miles) and other swims of five to ten miles distance. In 1993, while as swim coach for the Laurel East Hartford YMCA Swim Team, she jumped to longer distances completing the Manhattan Island Marathon Swim of 28.5 miles as well as a ten hour swim in 60 F Lake Sunapee (NH). The following year in 1994, she completed her first English Channel crossing in 10hr 33min. She returned to swim the Channel again in 1997 (12hr 57min) and 2000 (8hr 20min). In 2001, she completed the first of two double crossings in the times of 21 hours 19 minutes (2001) and 23 hours (2004). She completed another single crossing in 2003. Also in 2003, Marcy was on the “Force 6 America” two-way relay team that completed the swim in 20 hours 18 minutes.

Marcy currently works with the young novice, eight year olds on the YMCA swim team and enjoys doing motivational speeches to interested groups.

Susie Maroney (AUS) Swimmer

Susie Maroney captured the world’s attention in June 1999, when she competed the world’s longest open water swim from Mexico City to Cuba, swimming almost 200 kilometers in over 38 hours. This feat was achieved a little over a year after she undertook the world’s first swim from Cuba to Florida, a distance of 180 kilometers and following her non-stop swim from Cuba to US Territorial waters in 1996. In areas of shark invested waters and jelly fish, she would use a shark cage and wetsuit.

She has swum in cold water too. In 1991 she established the record for the England to France to England two-way crossing of the English Channel in 17 hours 14 minutes. This overall record for both men and women still stands. She was the youngest swimmer to represent Australia in international competition. She has won the annual Around Manhattan Island Swim, and has placed in the USA Swimming 25 Kilometer Championships.

These weren’t the first occasions that Susie has captured worldwide attention. At the early age of 14, she won the USA Long Distance Championships, and then at 15 became the youngest and fastest Australian to swim the English Channel. She began swimming as a young child to ease her symptoms of asthma. She has a Guinness Book of World Records listing for the longest distance swum in 24 hours (93.6 km); the fastest swims in the Manhattan Island Marathon Race (7 hours 7 minutes) and the Lake Zurich Marathon Race (26 kms in 6 hrs 3 mins). She is the fastest woman to complete a double crossing of the English Channel (17 hrs 14 min).

Her awards and honors include an Order of Australia, an Outstanding Achievement Award from the NSW Government and the Variety Club’s Sportswoman of the Year.

Susie has graced the pages of newspapers, magazines and television screens across the globe and has focused her attention to community service projects.
Daniel Eulogio Caprio Massioti (PER) Swimmer

Daniel Massioti is considered to be the greatest Peruvian swimmer of all times. He was born in Sicuani, Peru on March 11, 1910. At ages 12, 13 and 14 yrs he was the Peruvian National Champion of the 100m, 200m and 400m backstroke events.

But his fame comes in his open water swimming. He is the first South American to cross the English Channel in 1947, Cap Gri Nez to Abbots Cliff accompanied by Jack Burwill in "June Rose" (as reported in the Dover Museum Entry) and again in 1951 finishing 10th in the Daily Mail Channel Race in 13 hours and 50 mins. Neither swim was registered with the Channel Swimming Association, but each is documented. He swam the River Plate in 1945, 1977 and again in 1982 when he was 72 years old. He held National titles in Chile, Argentina and South America. He is the first person to cross the Gibraltar Straights (1948) and on another two occasions in 1977 and 1988 (age 78 yrs old). He tried again at age 83 years but he was forced to quit after four and a half hours and one mile away from his goal. In 1947 he was awarded the Order of the Sun as a Great Master by the President of Peru. His name is recorded in the National Stadium of Sports along with other greats of Peruvian Sports. The National Olympic Swimming Pool of the Mars Sports Complex in Lima, Peru is named after him.

On March 18, 2005 he was awarded the, Recognition Award by the Peruvian Institute of Sports for his brilliant performance and multiple awards at the age of 95 years, when he returned to Peru after residing in Argentina.

Sally Anne Minty-Gravett (GBR) Swimmer

Sally-Ann Minty-Gravett has successfully swum the English Channel four times, in itself a considerable achievement, but taking into account that this is spread over a time span of four decades, it is a remarkable feat. She is the first and only woman in the world to swim the Channel in four consecutive decades.

Born in 1957 and a native of the Isle of Jersey, Sal's year-by-year resume of highlighted events includes:

1974 Swam Lake Windermere 11 _ miles / 1975 Swam the English Channel (11 hr 57 min) The first Channel Islander to swim from England to France. / Awarded the Captain Webb Memorial trophy for the fastest British crossing of the year. / 1977 Represented Great Britain in Belgium (5 miles) / Represented Great Britain in Holland (16 miles) / 1978 Presented to Her Majesty The Queen (along with four other Jersey Channel swimmers) /Swam from Jersey to France 14 miles – current record holder / 1981-1983 Moved to work in Vancouver BC (Canada) / 1985 Swam the English Channel for the second time (15 hr 3 min) England to France / 1987 Elected President Jersey Long Distance Swimming Club / 1992 Swam the English Channel for the third time (12 hr 8 min) France to England / Swam around Jersey (41 miles) 10 hr 47 min / Elected Jersey Sports Personality for 1992 / 1993 Began the "Swimrite Swim Centre" Personally organizing, managing, coaching and teaching swimming and Aquatic Fitness for all ages and abilities. / 1999 Swam around Manhattan Island, New York - 7 hr 19 min / Swam around Sark – Channel Islands - 4 hr 25 min.

Joe Smith (GBR) Swimmer

In 1959, Joe Smith tried to make a crossing of the English Channel. Up until that time, only 14 swimmers had completed the England to France crossing. Joe was unsuccessful. However, 40 years later, in 1999, he completed the England to France swim as the 610th person to complete the swim with a time of 14 hr and 9 min., becoming the oldest British citizen to accomplish the crossing.
David Smith, PhD (USA) Swimmer

Athlete, adventurer, author, explorer, teacher, and speaker all describe David Smith. He began his marathon swimming career by swimming the Golden Gate on his 26th birthday. Although he won his first race at age eight, was undefeated in the 50 yard sprint in high school and most valuable player on the swim team, All-American 4x100 yard relay member in junior college, he stopped swimming for seven years. The young entrepreneur owned a trendy bar in San Francisco, sold and owned real estate and day traded in the stock market, drove fast cars, played golf at the Olympic Club, drank and smoked. He traded it all to swim long distances - 30 miles down the Russian River and 63 miles down the Sacramento River. The summer of 1966 he swam Africa to Europe (Morocco to Spain), the Hellespont and Bosporus and represented the USA in races at Capri to Naples, Lake Ohrid, Yugoslavia and The Suez Canal. The next year he swam from Morocco to The Rock of Gibraltar - the first person to complete it.

He has challenged bulls in the rings of Spain, jumped 60 feet into the Mayan Well of Sacrifice, run marathons across the sands of the Sahara Desert, over mountains in Haiti, through the infamous Khyber Pass and down the Haleakala volcano in Hawaii. He ran with Masai and Samburu warriors on the plateaus of Kenya, climbed the Matterhorn, kayaked the Nile River, a 2,000 mile journey from Khartoum to Cairo, and traveled to Hunza, the real-life Shangri-La in the Himalayan-Karakorum Mountain Range. From paddling a dugout canoe in the Amazon to bicycling over a 16,000 foot mountain in Peru to walking blindfolded through the labyrinthine alleys in Tangier, David is an original. The Today Show called him "the King of the Risk Takers."

In addition to being a corporate keynote speaker on courage, risk taking and team building, he has led 54 wilderness adventures for schizophrenic patients on the Appalachian Trail for over 27 years and for 16 years has delivered two-a-month talks motivating ex-convicts to get a job instead of do a job.

In 1970, David designed and was the sole participant in one of the first multi sport events (eight years before the Ironman Triathlon) by transforming the war story model used for the Modern Pentathlon in the Olympics into a romantic athletic adventure. He jumped out of a plane over St. John in the US Virgin Islands, swam to St. Thomas, scuba dove around a point, ran five miles, then took a trail hike to mountain top to meet an awaiting young lady. He appeared on the cover of Sports Illustrated and Tri Athletic Magazine.

He is the creator of events for NBC SportsWorld “Survival of the Fittest” and designed and directed Le Tour de sanFRANCEcisco Bicycle Event for 10,000 bicyclists through the streets of San Francisco.

David graduated summa cum laude from the University of West Florida. He holds a Ph.D. in Health and Human Services dealing specifically with risk-taking and its affects on human behavior.

He has authored numerous articles and three books: HUG THE MONSTER: How to Embrace Your Fears and Live Your Dreams; HEALING JOURNEY: The Odyssey of an Uncommon Athlete; THE EAST/WEST EXERCISE BOOK.

Freda Streeter (GBR) Observer/Trainer

Freda became involved with Long Distance Swimming when her daughter Alison started swimming outdoors. As Alison’s swims progressed towards English Channel swimming, Freda gained a lot of open water swimming knowledge from Corrie and Ray Dixon in the early 1980’s and as she says “has been learning ever since”. Freda can be found five months of the year, every Saturday and Sunday, training Channel swimmers, looking after bags on the Dover Harbour Beach and sheltering from the elements while swimmers are training, often for more than eight or more hours a time. She has been doing this for the past 17 years since Ray and Corrie re-located to Australia. Her ONLY reward was a successful swim. Freda has also spent many hours on the water encouraging long distance swimmers on their quests to succeed. She says she is getting too old to continue these days, however she will make an effort to see swimmers come in and go out at all hours of the day and night during the swimming season. Just like her Hall of Fame daughter Alison, dozens of Channel swimmers owe their success to Freda’s training, support and advice. Freda takes particular delight in assisting the slower swimmers to achieve their goals, no matter how many hours she has to spend on the beach to help them. Her greatest success must have been training her daughter Alison to become the first woman to complete the three-way crossing of the Channel.
Duncan Taylor (GBR) Pilot/Administrator

Duncan Taylor had been responsible for the administration of over 20% of all swims recognized by the Channel Swimming Association since its inception in 1927. From 1996 to 2004, he served as the CSA’s hard-working secretary where he processed swim applications and served as liaison with the swimmers, escort players and Maritime Authorities. He served as an official swim crossing observer and had been a certified pilot since, 1992, until his death in 2005.

He had been responsible for introducing swimmers from all over the world to the Channel. He was the Safety Officer for the CSA, actively engaged in and responsible for the introduction and further training of new escort pilots. As a Liaison Officer he was responsible for ensuring that Observers join the right boats at the right time.

He was at the helm during the successful transition within the CSA to become a Limited Company, not-for-profit, a ten year extremely difficult transitional period. Most importantly he had been the face of the Channel Swimming Association.

He experimented with adapting the normally used swim routes to lead the way in successfully pioneering new starting places for Channel swims, starting points that are now used consistently by other pilots, permitting swimmers to have faster times.

Duncan served as the Escort Pilot to a number of swimmers over the years and was highly respected as a first-class Seaman. In his eight years as Secretary, he assigned himself just 64 swims, always promising to put the names of the other pilots before his own. He was known as a fair and honest man who would endeavor to help any sportsman or sportswoman who sought his advice. He had many successes and proud moments in his piloting career. Getting Joe Smith across to be the second oldest person in CSA history and the oldest in Britain was one of his proud moments. Another was helping Mike Read to achieve his 33rd crossing to regain his title as King of the Channel in 2004 for the third time, was another of the achievements for which Duncan would best like to be remembered.

Carl Walker (GBR) Administrator

Carl took up long distance swimming at the age of 39, late by most standards, and successfully completed swims up to six miles in length, not considered marathon distances by any means. But he is known not so much as a swimmer, as a man totally dedicated to promoting and conducting Long Distance Swimming. He became Britons Long Distance Swimming Association President in 1991 and again in 2002.

He was a former President of the Bradford Long Distance Swimming Club, one of the first long distance swimming clubs in England. For 30 years, he served as the Honorary Secretary of the British Long Distance Swimming Association’s (BLDSA) Pilot Lifesaving Scheme. He served as long distance swimming coach to Huddersfield Amateur Swimming Club for a few years before concentrating on teaching lifesaving. He is a Grade I Royal Lifesaving Society Examiner.

Since 1975, he has towed the BLDSA rescue boat to almost every championship, year after year, from Loch Ness in the north to Torbay in the south. He is usually the first person on the water and the last to leave, always vigilant and always eagle-eyed to help a swimmer or crew in need of assistance.
2005 International Marathon
Swimming Hall of Fame Certificates of Merit

Brendan Chapel (AUS): 2nd Place 2006 FINA World Championship 25k

Georges Delgado (ECU): Newly appointed Member FINA TOWSC

Paulo Frishkencht (POR): Newly appointed Member FINA TOWSC

Tim Johnson (USA): Author 2004 HISTORY OF OPEN-WATER MARATHON SWIMMING, Navigator and Solo Swim Organizer and support person. He is unparalleled in his knowledge of navigational charts, tides and currents as they relate to supporting a swim.

Laura La Piani (ITA): 3rd Place 2006 FINA World Championship 25k
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BYRON WAS A RECORD SWIMMER WHO SWAM THE HELLESPONT TO PROVE LEANDER DID IT. THIS POPULAR ENGLISH POET HAD 42 SWIMMING QUOTATIONS IN HIS POETRY.

BEN YORK SENT DANNY THOMAS DOWN IN A DIVING SUIT TO SING MINNIE THE MERMAID WHICH WAS PIPIED OUT ON A LOUDSPEAKER ABOVE WATER AT THE OPENING OF DETROIT'S EASTWOOD GARDENS POOL. THIS WAS THE FIRST UNDERWATER SOUND HENCE THE BEGINNING OF SYNCHRONIZED MUSIC TO SWIMMING.

JOHN QUINCY ADAMS, WHEN PRESIDENT, SWAM IN THE POTOMAC EVERY DAY. A LADY REPORTER ONCE SAT ON HIS CLOTHES AND SHOT AT HIM THAT SHE WOULDN'T LEAVE UNLESS HE GAVE HER AN INTERVIEW. HIS REPLY WAS TO COME OUT OF THE WATER, NAKED AS HE WAS, AND DEMAND THE LADY TO GET OFF HIS CLOTHES. SHE FLED IN TERROR.

SWIMMERS: LEONARDO DA VINCI

SWIM PALETTES: LEONARDO DA VINCI INVENTED THEM, BEN FRANKLIN USED THEM FLIP DARR AND CARY HALL MADE THEM FAMOUS.

WHILE SHAKESPEARE'S QUOTE ON THE GREAT CAESAR'S SWIMMING WASN'T VERY FLATTERING, FACTS INDICATE JULIUS CAESAR WAS NOT ONLY AN EXCELLENT SWIMMER BUT INSISTED THAT ALL SOLDIERS IN HIS PERSONAL LEGION BE GOOD SWIMMERS.
100 Years Ago
In Athens

The aquatic events at the 1906 Olympic Games are held in the Bay of Phaleron, in Athens. There are only 4 events: 100m, 400m & 1 mile swims, plus a 4x250m relay. There were no diving or women’s events.

Charles Daniels (USA) beat Zoltan Halmay (HUN), the 1904 Olympic champion, in the 100m freestyle.

80 Years Ago
In the English Channel

On August 6, 1926, 19 year old Gertrude Ederle became the first woman to swim across the English Channel. As a result, she also, for a brief period of time, became the most famous woman in the world. Over two million people lined Broadway from the Battery to Harlem to welcome her home. Not only was she the first woman, but she beat the best previous time of the men by over two hours, proving that women could compete with men in strenuous physical activities.

70 Years Ago
In Berlin

Adolph Kiefer, 17, won the 100m backstroke.

Sprint champions Willie den Ouden (NED) and Ferenc Csik (HUN).

Platform diving medalists: Kaethe Koehler, Germany, third; Velma Dunn, USA, second; Dorothy Paynton Hill, USA, first.

Hungarians won at water polo again.

Japans Naboru Terada wins the 1500m.
50 Years Ago

In Melbourne

Australian men win five of seven swimming events and Australian women win three of six swimming events, sweeping all freestyle events.

Dawn Fraser wins the first of three consecutive gold medals in the 100m freestyle

Jon Henricks (AUS), wins the 100-meter freestyle and is the first swimmer to "shave down" for a race.

Murray Rose (AUS) is the first swimmer since Johnny Weissmuller in 1924 to win two freestyle events: 400 and 1500 meter freestyle.

Pat McCormick (USA) becomes the first Olympic champion to win both springboard and highboard diving events in successive Games.

Mexico’s Joaquin Capilla wins the platform and the USA’s Bob Clotworthy is the springboard champion.

Hungary wins a bloody water polo match against the Soviet Union in the semi-finals and beats Yugoslavia in the finals to win the gold.

Butterfly is swum for the first time in the Olympic Games as a separate and distinct style from the breaststroke. The first butterfly champions are USA’s Shelly Man and Bill Yorzyk.

An electronic judging device, the Ritter Machine, invented by FINA Bureau member Max Ritter, is used for the first time.

left
1500 meter medalists George Breen (bronze), Murray Rose (gold) and Tsuyoshi Yamanaka (silver) take a well earned rest after one of the greatest races in Olympic history.

right
Australia’s Olympic heroes: (top to bottom) Jon Henricks, Murray Rose, John Devitt and David Thiele.
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Notorious Water Polo Match Relived On Screen

An important moment in Olympic history is finally being given the attention it has deserved for over 40 years. Few who were watching the 1956 Olympic summer games in Melbourne, Australia can forget the now famous water polo match between Hungary and the Soviet Union.

Shortly after the Soviet Red Army tanks rolled through the streets of Budapest, suppressing a popular uprising and gunning down citizens, the two countries found themselves set to compete against one another in the water polo semi-finals. Now being made into a documentary by a Hollywood production company, the match has been dubbed "the bloodiest game in Olympic history."

The image of Zádor leaving the pool with blood pouring from the deep gash over his left eye was published in newspapers worldwide. Police had to step in to prevent a riot, and the game ended with Hungary winning 4-0. The Hungarian team went on to win the gold medal, though the win was bittersweet, for more than half the team defected rather than return to their oppressed homeland.

"Freedom's Fury," it is a full-length documentary feature film, which recounts the gripping 1956 match between Hungary and the Soviet Union and examines the social and political backdrop in which "the bloodiest game in Olympic history" took place.

Featuring juxtaposing interviews with teammates, politicians, surviving freedom fighters, and footage from the '56 revolution, Freedom's Fury captures the emotional reunion of the '56 teammates and family Union members - including some who had not seen each other since their furtive farewells weeks before the '56 revolution.

Reuniting the surviving teammates from both the Hungarian and the Soviet team, the film captures the reflections and memories of the players. Filmed in part at the Gellért baths in Budapest last summer, the interviews include captain of the 1956 Hungarian team Dezso Gyarmati, players Ervin Zádor, Gyorgy Karpafi, Kalmun Markovits, Antal Bolvari and Soviet team captain Pytor "Misi" Mshvenieradze along with Boris Markarov.

The tentative date set for the film's Hungarian premiere is 23 October 2006 at the Corvin Cinema in Budapest, a befitting location, for Corvin Köz was one of the famous 'freedom fighter' resistance strongholds during the uprising. The documentary will also be shown at film festival circuits with hopes of being picked up for a limited theatrical release in North America, Australia and Europe.

The 1956 Revolution is an event that has remained largely untold to international audiences. Freedom's Fury brings to light the story of athletes who carried the hopes of an entire nation on their shoulders, determined to redeem some of their country's crushed hopes and pride as they faced their oppressors.
1956
U.S.A. Olympic Swimming, Diving & Water Polo Teams
30 Years Ago

In Montreal

L to R: Kornelia Ender, John Naber, Klaus Dibiasi and David Wilkie.

The US Men won 12 of 13 gold medals and the East German women won 11 of 13 medals.

John Naber (USA) won four gold medals and Kornelia Ender (GBR) became the first woman to win four gold medals in one Olympics.

In the 200-meter breaststroke, David Wilkie won the first men's gold medal for Great Britain since 1908.

Klaus Dibiasi (ITA) became the first diver to win the platform event in three successive Olympics.

10 Years Ago

In Atlanta

Alex Popov (RUS) became the first person to win gold in the 50 and 100 free in consecutive Olympics.

Amy Van Dyken (USA) won four golds

Manuel Estiarte (ESP) led Spain to water polo gold.

The USA swam a perfect routine and won the gold medal at home.

Denis Pankratov (RUS) swept the men's butterfly events.
Pinch A Penny Salutes
The 2005-06 All State Swimming & Diving Teams

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Adah Virginia Held Crabbe

At the age of 91, Virginia Crabbe, wife of the legendary Buster Crabbe, died August 26, 2004. Virginia and Buster (1965 ISHOF Honoree) met in Honolulu, Hawaii and were married for fifty years. She traveled with Buster throughout the United States and Europe during the years of the Buster Crabbe Aquacades, serving as Business Manager and Troupe Organizer. They made their home in Arizona where Virginia was active in the community. She was a committed volunteer, serving the arts society, Boys and Girls Club, and donating many hours as an expert seamstress to assist with special projects. With a passion for travel, Virginia explored many nations and for a time lived in Paris and Italy. She and Buster were the parents of three children (one of whom, Cuffy, appeared with his Dad weekly in the Captain Gallent T.V. series of the 1950’s), seven grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

John H. Higgins

ISHOF Past President John Higgins died at age 88 on August 1, 2004. In 1950, John became the swimming coach and director of aquatics at the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland where he remained until his retirement. A world and American record holder in swimming, John graduated from Ohio State in 1940 with All-American status and as OSU’s outstanding senior athlete. He was a member of the 1936 U.S. Olympic Team in Berlin, swimming breaststroke. From college he went in the Navy where he trained pilots in survival at sea before heading to the Naval Academy where he taught thousands of midshipmen and coached the first team to beat Yale’s 200 consecutive, 18-year meet winning streak (1961). John was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame as a swimmer in 1971 and continued to swim in the Masters program where he garnered 18 championships before retiring due to knee problems. He was a member of the Rhode Island Heritage and Aquatics Halls of Fame, the OSU Sports Hall of Fame and the Maryland Swimming Hall of Fame. John and his wife Betts, who passed away in 1993, were active as swimming officials on the collegiate and Olympic levels and were active in the annual College Swim Coaches Forum in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. John is survived by two children, four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Ray Rude

Olympic Diving Pioneer and the designer and developer of the Duraflex diving board died December 15, 2004 at age 89. He had been struggling with ill health for several years. It was his work as a Lockheed subcontractor making aluminum wing panels for airplanes that lead to his making Duraflex Diving boards when a neighbor asked him to provide a diving board for a home pool party. In keeping with his character to take on challenges and find solutions, he took the request seriously. He made a diving board out of an airplane wing and what followed was a lifelong impact in the sport of diving. His masterpiece, the Maxiflex Diving board, became the gold standard of excellence in the sport. The Ray Rude board became standardized equipment at college and university pools and outdoor summer pools, improving the levels of competition allowed by the additional height from the spring. Today’s divers are able to execute additional twists, somersaults, and rotations that yesterday’s divers were denied due to inferior equipment.

Ray came from humble beginnings, he was driven by his strong character and he had a deep affection for the sport of Diving. He and his wife, Ina Mae, were world fixtures in the sport. In 1992 Ray was inducted into the International Swimming & Diving Hall of Fame.

His daughter Jan will continue day to day operation of Duraflex as she has done for the past five years. The Ray Rude diving board will continue to grace international competition and local diving pools, preserving his legacy forever.
Steve Accardi

Steve Accardi was a close friend and contributor of ISHOF for over 40 years. For many years, as ISHOF’s Water Show Producer, his water shows and clown diving acts were a joy to thousands of spectators at the ISHOF International Diving Meets and College Swim Forum festivities. In his famed fishing act, he tried to “reel in” two or more strong competitive swimmers, always hooking them to the wall. Steve’s clown diving and recreational swim suits highlight the ISHOF swim suit display and over the years, his scrapbooks, swimming pool materials and other memorabilia have been presented to ISHOF for perpetual care and review. He participated in many Hall of Fame projects including Super Swim-A-Thon where Steve was the single highest fund raiser. He was a Life Member of ISHOF and a member of the International Congress. Steve promoted Every Child A Swimmer and during World War II taught swimming and water safety to thousands of soldiers. He received the Golden Whale Award in 1994 for his 65 years of continuous service to the Red Cross. Steve spent 40 summers at the Woodmont Country Club near Washington, D.C., teaching three generations of children to swim. Up until his death at age 94, Steve was a storyteller and loved to reminisce about past experiences as well as talk about what was coming in the future. ISHOF will miss him dearly. At the request of his family, the Steve Accardi Memorial Fund has been established at ISHOF in his memory. Steve is survived by his wife, Evelyn, a Hall of Fame Dame and long time supporter of ISHOF.

Tetsuo Hamuro

International Swimming Hall of Fame Honoree and ISHOF Asia President, Mr. Tetsuo Hamuro died October 28, 2005 in Nagoya, Japan. Hamuro was the 1936 Olympic 200m breaststroke gold medal champion and two-time world record holder. During his career, he never lost a 200m breaststroke race. He will be greatly missed by the Japanese Swimming Community as well as the international community. Mr. Hamuro is survived by his wife, Michiko, a Master’s World Swimming Champion.

Margaret “Peg” Hogan

International Masters Swimming Hall of Fame Inductee, Peg Hogan, formerly of Richmond, Va., passed away on October 8, 2005 at the age of 74 in Jacksonville, Fla. She won countless medals in Masters U.S. and international synchronized swimming competitions, both as a competitor and coach. In 1977, she began 25 years of coaching at the University of Richmond. In 1998, Peg received the Lillian MacKellar Distinguished Service Award, which is presented annually to an individual who has given unselfishly to the support of synchronized swimming with particular attention to the welfare of the athletes. Later, Peg was ultimately honored with an induction into the International Masters Swimming Hall of Fame. Peg Hogan committed her life to her sport, her teammates and the development of the swimmers, young and old, whom she coached, all the while being a conscience for the social and environmental issues we face today. Peg will be remembered by the Synchronized Swimming community for many years to come; for her contributions, her peaceful smile and gracious demeanor; for her unwavering, selfless service and dedication to the sport. She graciously shared her gifts of inspiration, talent and time over a career that spanned a lifetime - more than 40 years.

Jason Rickert

Former ISHOF Treasurer Lynn Rickert and his wife Mary Ann, lost their son Jason after a long battle with cancer. Jason was a young man who was full of life and always had a smile. Jason spent a lot of time and many Spring Breaks in Fort Lauderdale. His father, Lynn, was involved with the YMCA National Swimming and Diving Championships for many years.
Jesus Rollán

In March, 2006, the World of Water Polo suffered a terrible loss when Jesus Rollán, one of the greatest goalkeepers in the history of the sport, died of injuries sustained after falling from the balcony of a spa in Garriga, Catalán. He was being treated for depression and chemical dependence since October. The police have ruled out homicide and speculate that the cause of the fall was suicide.

Rollán joined the Spanish national team in 1986 at the age of 18 and was the amiable face of five Spanish Olympic water polo teams. With Rollán in the goal, Spain won the silver medal at the Barcelona Olympics of 1992, the gold medal in 1996 and FINA World Championships in 1998 and 2001. He also won seven Spanish League titles and seven European Cups, the last, playing for Pro Recco in the Italian League. He retired after the Olympic Games of 2004.

Rollán had difficulty adjusting to life after water polo. Although he was trained as an engineer, he found it difficult to move into the labor market. He became depressed and this lead to a separation from his wife and he had difficulties with visitation rights to see his daughter. Then his father passed away. In October, Rollán personally approached Roberto Blanco, Director of Spanish Sport and ex-president of the Spanish Swimming Federation for help with his problems. Blanco responded immediately by arranging counseling and other professional care. Blanco also enlisted the assistance of Rollán’s teammate Manuel Estiarte. Rollán was in the second phase of his treatment at a private spa and appeared to be making progress toward recovery.

His mother was visiting him and she was staying in an adjoining room. Shortly after they had breakfast together on Saturday morning, the great goalkeeper’s lifeless body was found in the street below the balcony of his room.

"Rollán was the image of the vitality and positive inspiration. He was an animated character, always there to make a joke and to raise the spirit of the team” said Blanco.

"He was an exceptional sportsman and an exceptional person who had a problem at a particular time and was unable to get over it. I want to remember the sportsman, the big kid who came to see me saying he needed help and the fact that we did all we could to help him. When something like this happens one always says it is tragic and unjust, but in the case of Jesus, it is even more so,” concluded Blanco. “He will always be in my thoughts.”

Dick Smith 1917 -2006

As a diving coach, Dick Smith was a real pioneer. He coached two Olympic Gold medalists, Bernie Wrightson and Leslie Bush. He served as US Olympic Diving Coach in 1964 and 1968. Later he would become an ambassador to diving world wide. He traveled to and conducted clinics in over 20 countries on all major continents of the world. He invited divers from all over the world to train with him and learn his techniques and in 1976 he was Olympic coach for New Zealand. He is the only diving coach to have been elected “American Swimming Coaches Association Swimming Coach of the Year”. As a result of his international respect he became the president of the World Diving Coaches Association.

As a youngster, he was a Diving Champion in Arizona and California. He dived at USC under the legendary coach Fred Cady and became an intercollegiate diving champion. After putting his diving career on hold during World War II, he joined the Air Force and rose to the rank of Colonel before he retired. He was a pioneer of remedial physical education which he developed during his military service.

Dick faced and overcame many overwhelming catastrophes in his life. When he was a teenager he was partially paralyzed in a diving accident. One year later he was back diving again. On January 30, 1974, returning from a diving event in New Zealand, Smith was one of 5 survivors out of 101 passengers aboard a commercial airline that crashed in the island of Pago Pago. His calmness in the face of danger together with his will to live saved his life. His testimony before the United States Congress was instrumental in airline safety changes that are evident to this day.

He helped to develop the diving coaching profession when he conceived of the summer diving camp. The Dick Smith Swim Gym which was a multi sport complex devoted to diving, swimming, trampoline and judo was the first of its kind in the United States. Young age group divers from all over the country would train at the Swim Gym during the summer season. Many coaches and diving administrators throughout the world today owe much to Dick Smith’s vision and ingenuity. Dick was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame in 1979 as Honor Coach.

A memorial service was held on January 6, 2006, in Phoenix, Arizona. His many friends, divers and associates will miss him, but they will not forget the impact he had on their lives.
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10 BEST PERFORMANCES of 2005

BY PHILLIP WHITTEN

Who had the single most brilliant swim of 2005? Swimming World Magazine believes the answer is very clear: Ian Crocker and his mind-boggling 50.40 for the 100 meter butterfly, swum at the World Championships in Montreal.

In this issue of Swimming World Magazine, we honor Australians Grant Hackett and Leisel Jones as the male and female World Swimmers of the Year for 2005. The recognition is well deserved, as both performed superbly in 2005. But the world's best performer of the year is not necessarily the individual with the best performance.

Following are our choices for the top 10 performances of 2005. You may agree or disagree with the choices or the order. In either case, send us your comments at editorial@SwimmingWorldMagazine.com.

1. IAN CROCKER, USA
(100 Meter Butterfly, 50.40, WR)

Only one man has ever gone under 51 seconds for the 100 meter fly: Ian Crocker, and he's done it three times (50.98, 50.76 and 50.40).

At the World Championships in Montreal, there was never a doubt as to who was No. 1. Utilizing a near perfect start and entry, the Texas grad blazed through the first 50 meters in 23.51 seconds, 7-tenths ahead of his nearest pursuer. Coming home, he never faltered, lengthening his lead on the rest of the world's best flyers with every stroke. At the wall, it was Crocker—50.40.

Crocker's next goal is to become the first man under 50 seconds in the 100 fly. "To do that, he'll have to develop 22.7 or 22.8 speed for the 50. He's working on it now," says his coach Eddie Reese with a smile.

2. CHRISTOF WANDRATSCH, GER
(English Channel crossing, 7:03:52, WR)

This selection may be a bit controversial—and certainly a surprise to many of our readers—but the 38-year-old German's England-to-France crossing of the English Channel was nothing short of phenomenal.

In 2003, Wandratsch just missed breaking Chad Hundeby's record of 7 hours 17 minutes set in 1994. This time he left no doubt, ripping Hundeby's name from the record book with his 7:03:52. It is the equivalent of breaking a one-minute 100-meter mark by 1.8 seconds.

Like Crocker, Wandratsch, too, has no intention of resting on his laurels. His goal: to be the first swimmer to cross the Channel in under 7 hours.

3. GRANT HACKETT, AUS
(800 Meter Freestyle, 7:38.65, WR)

Aussie distance king Grant Hackett scored a number of firsts in 2005: first man to win the same event (1500 free) at four consecutive World Championships; first man to win all three distance events at one World Championship; and first on the all-time list of individual World Championship medals—17, including 10 gold.

Add to that list: first to break a world record held by Ian Thorpe (other than the Thorpedo, himself). Hackett went for Thorpe's record of 7:39.16 in the 800 free from his very first stroke in Montreal, splitting an incredible 3:47.17 at the 400, before smashing the record with his 7:38.65.

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4. ROLAND SCHOEMAN, RSA
(50 Meter Butterfly, 22.96, WR)

It’s hard to appreciate just how fast the records are in the stroke 50s, as these one-lap sprints have only been contested for a few years. But Roland Schoeman’s 22.96 for the 50 fly must be pretty speedy. After all, before Montreal, the record stood at 23.30 by none other than Ian Crocker.

Schoeman made mince meat of that mark, first going 23.01 in the semis, then breaking 23 seconds with his 22.96. Crocker’s 23.12 was also well under his old standard.

5. JESSICA HARDY, USA
(100 Meter Breaststroke, 1:06.20, WR)

A year ago, she was the surprise of the U.S. Olympic Trials, placing fifth in the 100 meter breast with a time of 1:08.29. Since then, Jessica Hardy has only gotten faster. The University of California freshman showed just how much faster when she slashed Leisel Jones’ world record of 1:06.37 set in Barcelona two years ago with a stunning 1:06.20 in the 100 breast semis at the World Championships in Montreal.

6. LEISEL JONES, AUS
(200 Meter Breaststroke, 2:21.72, WR)

Since 2000, “Lethal Leisel” Jones has swum spectacularly in the prelims and semis of big meets, but she’s had a spotty history when the pressure was on in the finals. “Choke artist,” people whispered. No longer. Swimming without her nemesis, Amanda Beard, at the World Championships in Montreal, Leisel blasted Beard’s name from the record books, taking the 200 breast mark down to 2:21.72.

7. AARON PEIRSON, USA
(100 Meter Backstroke, 53.17, WR)

Aaron Peirsol was the only swimmer to set two world records in 2005, with the first coming at the U.S. World Championship Trials in April. Competing with just two months of training under his belt following a brief, post-Olympic layoff, Peirsol uncorked a 53.17 in the 100 meter backstroke—28-hundredths under his own previous standard set a year ago at Athens. His second world mark came at the World Championships when he broke his own standard in the 200 back with a 1:54.66—certainly deserving of at least an Honorable Mention among the Best Performances of 2005.
8. KATIE HOFF, USA
(200 Meter Individual Medley, 2:10.41)
Katie Hoff’s American record effort in the 200 IM wasn’t an official world record, but that’s just a technicality. China’s Wu Yanyan is still listed in the record book as the WR-holder at 2:09.72, but if you believe that swim was legit, we have some prime Louisiana real estate to sell you.

Wu, who tested positive for ‘roids shortly after her 1997 swim, was banned for four years and hasn’t been seen since. Inexplicably, her “record” was allowed to stand.

No matter. Katie Hoff’s 2:10.41 was the fastest legitimate women’s 200 IM ever swum. No doubt the 16-year-old has Wu’s “record” in her sights for ’06.

9. LEISEL JONES, AUS
(100 Meter Breaststroke, 1:06.21)
If Hardy’s 1:06.20 for 100 meters breast ranks No. 5, Jones’ winning time of 1:06.21 at the Mutual of Omaha Duel in the Pool between Australia and the United States couldn’t be far behind. It’s not. The Lethal One also won the event at Worlds with a 1:06.25. Coupled with her 200 breast win in Montreal, she definitely proved to everyone that the proverbial monkey is off her back.

10. ROLF SCHÖMANN, RSA
(50 Meter Freestyle, 21.69)
Though 15 swims in 2005 scored higher on the FINA point scale, Roland Schömann’s winning 21.69 in the 50 meter free is the fastest one-lap sprint ever swum under normal race conditions. Alex Popov’s official WR of 21.64 was swum in a special time trial with three other swimmers—with an empty lane between each—after the 2000 Russian Olympic Trials.

HONORABLE MENTION

The following five times make our Honorable Mention list, but you could make a convincing argument that any one of them belongs in the top 10.

In alphabetical order:

• JADE EDMISTONE, AUS — (50 Meter Breaststroke, 30.45, WR)
A world record, but how fast is it?

• BRENDAN HANSEN, USA — (100 Meter Breaststroke, 59.37)
Only 7-hundredths off his global standard.

• LIBBY LENNON, AUS — (100 Meter Freestyle, SCM, 51.70, WR)
Lennon is poised for great things next year.

• LAURE MANAUDOU, FRA — (1500 Meter Freestyle, SCM, 15:42.39, WR)
Manaudou erased the last record held by doped East Germans: Petra Schneider’s 15:43.31 from 1982 in Gainesville, Fla.

• MICHAEL PHELPS, USA — (200 Meter IM, 1:56.68)
Almost three-quarters of a second off his WR, but still faster than anyone else. •
WORLD BEST by EVENT

There may be swimmers with faster times, but the ones who earned the distinction of World Swimmers for each event are the ones who were able to put it all on the line and take home the gold at the biggest meet of 2005, the World Championships.

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Aussie Sweep
By Stephen J. Thomas

Leisel Jones and Grant Hackett were named Swimming World Magazine’s 2005 World Swimmers of the Year—only the second time that two swimmers from Australia have taken top honors in the same year. Kieren Perkins and Samantha Riley were the first to do it in 1994.

LEISEL JONES
Female World Swimmer of the Year

Leisel Jones has been a consistent fixture on the awards stand since she burst onto the scene as a 15-year-old in 2000 at the Sydney Olympics, where she won two silver medals in her first attempt at a major international meet. In the intervening five years, she has posted several world records and collected numerous medals, but that elusive individual gold medal seemed destined to be forever out of her reach. That’s until this year at the World Championships in Montreal.

With a much improved mental attitude—in part due to her new coach, Stephan Widmer—the 20-year-old Aussie claimed gold in the 100 meter breast despite seeing her own world mark fall in the semifinals to American rookie Jessica Hardy. But she came back in finals to record the second fastest time in history and beat Hardy, 1:06.25 to 1:06.62.

The monkey was forever off her back! Then living up to her nickname, “Lethal Leisel” blitzed the field in the 200 by over four seconds, lowering the world record to 2:21.72. Jones added a third gold as part of the Aussie medley relay, where she produced the fastest breaststroke leg ever, 1:05.73.

The following week at the “Duel in the Pool” in Irvine, Calif., Jones clocked 1:06.21 in the 100 breast to come within 1-hundredth of a second of the world mark.

Jones was awarded Swimming World Magazine’s female World Swimmer of the Year award, edging out Katie Hoff and Kirsty Coventry to become the first Aussie woman to take the title since breaststroker Samantha Riley in 1994. Jones also was anointed Pacific Rim Swimmer of the Year for the second time, having also been successful in 2003.
GRANT HACKETT
Male World Swimmer of the Year

Grant Hackett has dominated distance freestyle for eight years, but he had never won the World Swimmer or Pacific Rim title. However, this year, in what was a closely fought tussle with Americans Aaron Peirsol and two-time defending titleholder Michael Phelps, Hackett was voted Swimming World Magazine’s male World Swimmer of the Year.

By earning world honors, he also captured the Pacific Rim crown and finally emerged from out of the perceived shadow of countryman Ian Thorpe, who has won the Pacific Rim title six of the past eight years and the global crown four times in the same period.

Hackett was simply magnificent in 2005, highlighted by a sensational 7:38.65 in the 800 meter free at the World Championships that bettered Thorpe’s “unbeatable” world record set in 2001 in Fukuoka by just over half-a-second. He also won an unprecedented fourth straight title in the gruelling 1500, beating Larsen Jensen and David Davies—the same two guys with whom he battled courageously for gold at Athens a year earlier. This time around, Hackett widened his winning margin and remained undefeated over the 30-lap distance since 1997.

The popular 25-year-old Aussie swam a total of 10 races in Montreal in his largely endurance-based program for a total distance of nearly four miles (6,200 meters). He earned a medal in every event, matching his medal count at the previous World Champs in Barcelona.

However, he was even more impressive this year, winning three individual gold medals (400, 800 and 1500 freestyle) and a silver in the 200 free. He also brought home an inexperienced 800 freestyle relay team for bronze. *

Stephen J. Thomas is Swimming World Magazine’s chief Australian correspondent.
Red, White & New!
BY JOHN LOHN

There’s a changing of the guard in American swimming as Katie Hoff and Aaron Peirsol are selected as American Swimmers of the Year for the first time.

KATIE HOFF
Female American Swimmer of the Year

Over the years, a number of athletes have been pegged for greatness, but have fallen short. Not so with Katie Hoff. Quite simply, she is the future of American swimming and its current standout.

Matching the hype that has surrounded her career since the months leading up to the Athens Olympics, Hoff unfurled a magical season in 2005. As a result, she was selected as Swimming World Magazine’s female American Swimmer of the Year.

Hoff was an easy choice for the award and was followed in the voting by Jessica Hardy and Kate Ziegler, fellow teenagers who will also carry the Stars and Stripes’ banner into the future.

At this past summer’s World Championships, Hoff was magnificent. She walked away from Montreal with a trio of gold medals. In all likelihood, the effort only marked the early stages of a glorious career.

Clocking 2:10.41 in the 200 IM, Hoff easily snared gold with the second-fastest time in history. However, in many ways, Hoff’s swim can be revered as the greatest performance the event has known, since Wu Yanyan’s world record of 2:09.72 is considered drug-tainted.

Later in the competition, Hoff established a meet record in the 400 IM, thanks to a 4:36.07 effort that rates second in American lore. For good measure, she helped the United States to gold in the 800 free relay and placed ninth in the 200 free.

Undoubtedly, the future is bright for the 16-year-old. Having recently turned professional by signing on with Octagon’s Peter Carlisle, Hoff is looking to branch out into other events.

Luckily, Hoff is one of those athletes who didn’t fizzle out.
THE TOP 5: AMERICAN SWIMMERS OF THE YEAR

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AARON PEIRSOL

Male American Swimmer of the Year

Could anyone knock off Michael Phelps? Could anyone supplant Mr. Olympia as the premier American? As far as versatility goes, Phelps still sits atop the swimming world. Yet in terms of quality, another name rose to the top of the American scene during the past year: Aaron Peirsol.

The undisputed king of the dorals events since 2001, Peirsol was nothing short of dazzling during 2005, setting a pair of world records and claiming a gold-medal trifecta at the World Championships in Montreal. Consequently, Peirsol was named the male American Swimmer of the Year. He was followed in the voting by Phelps and Ian Crocker.

A Southern California native and two-time Olympician, Peirsol supplied a stunning swim in April at the U.S. World Championship Trials in Indianapolis, blasting to a 53.17 clocking for the 100 meter backstroke, well under his former global standard of 53.45.

Three months later, Peirsol went back to work, this time north of the border. In addition to repeating as world champion in the 100 back, Peirsol captured his third consecutive global title in the 200 back, erasing his own world standard with a mark of 1:54.66. To punctuate the competition, Peirsol jump-started the USAs victorious 400 medley relay.

It is difficult to formulate an argument for anyone but Peirsol as the greatest backstroker of all-time. Not only is the Longhorn Aquatics standout a double world record holder on an individual basis, but he also has the two fastest times in history in the 100 back and five of the six fastest marks. As for the 200 back, the 22-year-old owns the six fastest times ever produced and eight of the top nine.

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2005 SWIMMERS

Overcoming Adversity

BY CRAIG LORD

While Laszlo Cseh is swimming as fast as ever after fractur-
ing his foot a year before the Olympic Games, fellow
European Swimmer of the Year Otylia Jedrzejczak is cur-
tently recovering from head and spinal injuries suffered in a
car accident.

OTYLIA JEDRZEJCZAK
Female European Swimmer of the Year

It’s been a roller-coaster year for Poland’s
Otylia Jedrzejczak. She won gold, set a world
record, was in the middle of controversy, lost
her younger brother and is now recovering
from head and spinal injuries suffered in a car
accident.

In winning the women’s 200 meter butterfly at the World Championships in Montreal
this past summer, Otylia, who was voted
Swimming World Magazine’s female European
Swimmer of the Year, was the only European
woman to set a world record at that meet. Her
2:05.61 bettered her previous mark of
2:05.78 set three years earlier.

Her win, however, was not without con-
troversy: a video of the finish showed that she stopped the clock with one hand, which is against FINA rules.

But all that paled in comparison when tragedy struck in October. The car she was driving crashed into a tree
near Płock, about 45 miles northwest of Warsaw. Her younger brother, Szymon, died in the accident, and Otylia
continues to face several months of recovery.

A year earlier, she was on top of the world. Jedrzejczak, who will turn 22 in December, became Poland’s first
Olympic swimming champion. Thousands lined the streets to welcome her home to Ruda Słaska, a coal-mining
town in southern Poland.

Inspired by Eric-Emmanuel Schmitt’s novel, “Oscar and the Lady in Pink”—a story about a 10-year-old boy
dying of leukemia—Otylia vowed before the Games that if she won, she would sell her gold medal to raise money
for a children’s hospice specializing in leukemia care and research. She raised $86,000.

“I don’t need the medal to remember (what I accomplished),” she said. “I know I’m the Olympic champion—
that’s in my heart.”
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## Laszlo Cseh
Male European Swimmer of the Year

Hungary’s Laszlo Cseh found out what life was like this year without Michael Phelps. With the 400 IM world record holder opting not to swim at the World Championships in Montreal, Cseh captured gold with a European record of 4:09.63, becoming the second person besides Phelps to swim under 4:10.

Cseh, who turns 20 in December, was but one of five European men who won an individual event at Worlds, but he was the only one of the group to win three individual medals, finishing second in the 200 IM and third in the 100 back. That seemed to be the difference in his being selected Swimming World Magazine’s male European Swimmer of the Year for the first time.

“Laci,” as Cseh is known in Hungary, was born in Budapest and is coached there by Gyorgy Turis at the Spartacus Club. A year ago, he finished third in the 400 IM at the Olympics in Athens.

That was pretty impressive, considering that he fractured his foot a month before the Olympics. His recuperative powers—as well as his impressive results—have made him something of a hero in Hungary. It was told that he suffered the fracture on a Thursday, was treated on Friday, stayed in a hospital bed Saturday, went home Sunday and was back in training at the Hajós Alfréd Swimming Hall on Monday.

As for his future—say, two-and-a-half years from now in Beijing 2008—the 6-2, 165-pound Cseh would like to find out what life would be like with Michael Phelps: “I would love to win (the 400 IM) when the whole world is competing.”

Craig Lord is one of Swimming World Magazine’s European correspondents and a swimming writer for The London Times.
Twice as Nice
BY EMILY MASON

Zimbabwe’s Kirsty Coventry and South Africa’s Roland Schoeman, selected as African Swimmers of the Year, are the only two swimmers of any category to win awards two years in a row.

KIRSTY COVENTRY
Female African Swimmer of the Year

A year ago, Zimbabwe’s Kirsty Coventry was chosen as Swimming World Magazine’s first ever female African Swimmer of the Year. And in 2005, she has once again proven herself to be the most outstanding female swimmer from Africa.

After winning a medal of each color in 2004, she followed up her Olympic success by taking home two golds and two silvers from the World Championships in Montreal in 2005.

Coventry won both backstrokes, defending her Olympic title in the 200 with a 2:08.52 that ranks her as the fifth fastest performer all-time. She also became the fifth fastest performer ever in the 100 meter back when she clocked 1:00.24.

Even though she settled for silver in the 200 meter IM behind the USA’s Katie Hoff, her 2:11.13 boosted her to fourth on the all-time performers list. She also finished second in the 400 IM with a time of 4:39.72, again behind Hoff.

In addition to her international success, Coventry finished a stellar career at the collegiate level as well. At the 2005 NCAAs at Purdue, she swept three events—both IMs as well as defending her title in the 200 backstroke. She clocked 1:50.54 in the 200 yard back, the second fastest performance all-time behind Natalie Coughlin’s 1:49.52 in 2003.

She ended her collegiate career with seven NCAA titles and was named the NCAAs Woman Swimmer of the Year.
THE TOP 5: AFRICAN SWIMMERS OF THE YEAR

FEMALE
1. KIRSTY COVENTRY, Zimbabwe
2. Suzaan Van Biljon, South Africa
3. Amanda Loots, South Africa
4. Tamaryn Laubscher, South Africa
5. Melissa Corfe, South Africa

MALE
1. ROLAND SCHOEMAN, South Africa
2. Ryk Neethling, South Africa
3. Ous Mellouli, Tunisia
4. Salim Iles, Algeria
5. Ahmed Hussein, Egypt

ROLAND SCHOEMAN
Male African Swimmer of the Year

Like his female counterpart, Kirsty Coventry, Roland Schoeman also repeated as Swimming World Magazine’s African Swimmer of the Year on the male side.

The South African had a monster meet at the World Championships in Montreal this past summer, showing that he is, indeed, one of the fastest swimmers in history. He walked away with two gold medals and a silver, including two world records and a second fastest performance all-time!

In chronological order, Schoeman started with the 50 meter fly. And he definitely started in style, producing a stunning world record in the semifinals with a 23.01. But he wasn’t finished. In the finals, he became the first swimmer to break 23 seconds as he lowered his world record to 22.96 for the gold medal.

However, midway through the meet, Schoeman came down with a cold. But he still had enough for the 100 free, finishing second with a 48.28—just shy of his 48.17 swim from last year’s Olympics.

By meet’s end, Schoeman still was not feeling his best, but he was feeling stronger...and it showed! He won the 50 free in 21.69—the second fastest performance ever, behind only Alex Popov, who just happens to be Schoeman’s idol.

During the year, Schoeman also did some damage to the short course meters records, equaling Ian Crocker’s mark in the 100 free (46.25) and setting a short-lived record in the 100 IM (52.51), which was lowered by fellow South African Ryk Neethling.

Schoeman is currently training at the University of Arizona under head coach Frank Busch and sprint coach Rick DeMont.

Emily Mason, an NCAA champion from the University of Arizona and a member of the 2005 U.S. World Championship team, is an administrative assistant at Swimming World Magazine.
The Old & the New

BY KARI LYDERSEN

While 32-year-old Edith Van Dijk capped a brilliant open water swimming career by being named Swimming World Magazine’s female Open Water Swimmer of the Year for the fifth time, the men’s side saw Chip Peterson, 17, and Thomas Lurz, 25, win for the first time.

EDITH VAN DIJK
Female Open Water Swimmer of the Year

Dutchwoman Edith Van Dijk went out in style, capping her final year in open water swimming by winning the FINA Marathon Swimming World Cup title as well as the 10K and 25K races at the World Championships. As a result, she was named Swimming World Magazine's female Open Water Swimmer of the Year.

Van Dijk, 32, returned from a serious stomach infection and several disappointments in 2004 to dominate the scene this year, often dueling it out with last year’s Swimmer of the Year, German Britta Kamrau.

Van Dijk sealed the World Cup title on Oct. 2 by winning a 10K race on a warm, overcast day in Repulse Bay, Hong Kong. She also won the series in 2000 and 2001.

Her globe-trotting tour of World Cup wins included a 57K in Argentina, a 30K in Macedonia, back-to-back 32K and 34K wins in Lac St. Jean and Lac Magog, Canada, and 10Ks in London and Egypt’s Suez Canal.

But her most emotional race was clearly the 25K World Championship in the rowing basin at Montreal’s Park Jean Drapeau, where six women battled until the very end. Van Dijk made her move last 400 meters and finished in virtually a dead heat with Kamrau. Final results were not made available until almost a half-hour after the race, with Van Dijk posting a 5:25:06.6 to Kamrau’s 5:25:06.9.

At last year’s 25K championship in Dubai, Kamrau outtouched Van Dijk by a tenth of a second after 5 hours and 43 minutes of racing.

With an additional 10K victory and 5K bronze in Montreal, Van Dijk finished her career with 14 World Championship medals, including six gold.
THOMAS LURZ & CHIP PETERSON
Male Open Water Swimmers of the Year

This year’s battle for male open water supremacy ended in a tie with German Thomas Lurz and American Chip Peterson being selected as Swimming World Magazine’s male Open Water Swimmers of the Year.

At 17, Peterson, who swims for a small team called the Carteret Currents in Pine Knoll Shores, N.C., is markedly younger than most successful open water swimmers. Lurz is eight years his senior.

The two duked it out during the FINA World Championships in Montreal in July. In the 5K, Lurz beat Peterson by 1.6 seconds. But Peterson rethought his strategy after that race and came back three days later to beat defending champion Lurz by 7.1 seconds in the 10K. Neither competed in the 25K.

Lurz also took fifth in one of the FINA Marathon Swimming World Cup races, a 10K in London in June. Peterson won the 5K at the Junior Pan Pacific Championships in Hawaii in January, his first international trip, and won the 10K nationals in the Gulf of Mexico off Fort Myers, Fla., where he also took second in the 5K.

Both swimmers also had successful years in the pool. Lurz, a 2004 Olympian in the 1500 free, garnered silver in the mile at the World University Games in Turkey, while Peterson won the same event at the U.S. Summer Nationals at Irvine, Calif.

“The open water training really gave me a great aerobic base, which also helped with my 1500,” said Peterson. “I felt like I was in better shape than ever before.” *

*Kari Lysdersen is a contributing editor of Swimming World Magazine and writes for the Washington Post.*
Preventing for the Future

By Kari Lydersen

Disabled Swimmers of the Year Erin Popovich and Benoit Huot were extremely successful in 2005, but they have their sights set on even bigger challenges.

ERIN POPOVICH
Female Disabled Swimmer of the Year

Since there wasn’t any major international Paralympic competition in 2005, Erin Popovich, Swimming World Magazine’s female Disabled Swimmer of the Year, took the opportunity to focus on her technique and training for next year’s World Championships in Durban, South Africa.

“I was building up my endurance and keeping in shape, working on turns and strokes,” said Popovich, 20, who has achondroplasia, a congenital bone growth disorder that results in short stature.

After winning 10 gold medals at the last two Paralympics in Sydney and Athens, Popovich continued her success in 2005 at the U.S. Disabled Nationals in Portland, Ore., where she won five golds (50 meter free, 100 free, 400 free, 50 fly and 200 IM) and a silver (100 breast).

BENOIT HUOT
Male Disabled Swimmer of the Year

Canadian Benoit Huot, who has won 12 Paralympic medals in his career, hopes one day to reach 20. If he continues to swim the way he did in 2005, there’s no stopping him.

Swimming World Magazine’s male Disabled Swimmer of the Year won six gold medals at the Disability Sport England Swimming Championships in May. He then went to the inaugural Paralympic World Cup in Manchester, where he won gold and silver in events that were held just 15 minutes apart.

The 21-year-old Montreal swimmer, who has a club foot, started swimming to help his self-confidence. In 2004, he was one of three finalists for Canadian Male Athlete of the Year, selected over many able-bodied candidates.

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Over the past several months, ISHOF has spent a significant amount of time and energy evaluating our collections and putting some of the most important and significant bits of memorabilia on display. We have felt this is necessary to re-establish our credibility as a great museum and our value to society. Since May, ISHOF has added many new exhibits to the museum. Thanks to the generosity of Jim Martin, we have added 7 new video screens which at various times show DVD’s of the following: Olympic water polo, diving swimming and synchro action; Matt Mann’s home movies from the 1930’s at Fort Lauderdale’s old casino pool; documentaries on the history of swimming including profiles of Duke Kahanamoku, Johnny Weissmuller, Buster Crabbe, Eleanor Holm, Annette Kellerman, Sammy Lee, Pat McCormick, Klaus Dibiasi, Greg Louganis, Mark Spitz; feature films on “Double Diving” with Farid Samaika and “Dutch Smith” and “Blue Winners”, a 1944 film featuring Bob Kiputh and Alan Ford and other films are being acquired or converted from our 16mm library. In addition, we also have added new exhibits on Jeff Farrell, The Spence Brothers, Johnny Weissmuller, Adolph Kiefer, Mark Spitz, George Haines, Doc Counsilman, Pete Desjardins, the Gary Hall’s and an extensive new presentation of old swimwear that highlights the role of women swimmers in the fight for equal rights in athletics. This remarkable exhibit takes the visitor through the times when American women were required to cover their bodies from neck to wrist to ankle when bathing in public. Annette Kellerman was the first to challenge the laws and was arrested for wearing a one piece bathing suit. Annette’s story was portrayed by Esther Williams in the “Million Dollar Mermaid.” Charlotte Epstein’s Women’s Swimming Association fought to get swimming as the first sport to be recognized for women by the A.A.U. Gertrude Ederle’s swim across the English Channel made her an international celebrity and she also wore the first two piece bathing suit. Donna deVarona was the next great pioneer for women’s rights, resulting in Title IX legislation.
Thursday, September 8, 2005
A TRIPLE CROWN FOR ISHOF

First ISHOF Board Meeting With New Leadership
On Thursday, September 8, 2005, ISHOF hosted three major events. The day began at 11am when President/CEO, Bruce Wigo welcomed his new Board of Directors to the International Swimming Hall of Fame for the first time. The 14 member Board met to chart ISHOF on a new course and rejuvenate the mission.

Johnny Weissmuller Medals Returned to ISHOF Amid Media Frenzy
The ISHOF Board of Directors took a break from their first meeting to welcome back the Olympic gold medals of Johnny Weissmuller that were stolen from ISHOF at the end of 2004 by a maintenance worker. The medals were recovered by the Fort Lauderdale Police Department with the help of a purchaser of the medals on eBay. ISHOF Board Member, Dennis Carey made it financially possible to retrieve the medals from the purchaser and return them to ISHOF. The medals were presented to Chairman, Mark Spitz and ISHOF Board Member, Donna deVarona, who valued the significance of this important event. “We both have medals of our own, but these are something special” remarked Spitz and deVarona.

ISHOF Board Member, Mike Snyder of ADT Technologies generously donated an entire new state-of-the-art security system, so something like this will never happen again. Thank you to Mike and ADT Technologies.

The return of the medals created one of the most widely attended media events ISHOF has hosted. All local TV stations, several newspapers and magazines covered the event.

ISHOF Hosts Reception in Conjunction with ASCA World Clinic
ISHOF and its new Board of Directors welcomed many of the attendees of the American Swimming Coaches Association World Swimming Clinic held locally at the Marriott Harbor Beach. The reception had a great turnout of hundreds of guests, who were invited to see the newly re-furbished Hall of Fame displays. Visitors included ISHOF Honorees, Eddie Reese, Richard Quick, Tom Gompf, Tiffany Cohen and Mark Spitz. It’s always great to welcome honorees home!
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2. Troy Dumais, United States of America 752.76
3. He Chong, People’s Republic of China 730.77

Alexandre Despatie (Canada) becomes the first diver to win gold in all three disciplines of diving (1 m, 3 m, 10 m), two of them in 2005, one in 2003. He held all men’s three titles simultaneously for a short time, as he did not compete in the 10 m event in Montreal, due to injury suffered in training.

Men's 10 m Platform
1. Hu Jia, People’s Republic of China 698.01
2. José Antonio Guerra Oliva, Cuba 691.14
3. Gleb Galperin, Russian Federation 656.19

Hu Jia
Women’s Diving

2005 FINA
World Championship Results

Women’s 1 m Springboard
1. Blythe Hartley, Canada 325.65
2. Wu Min Xia, People’s Republic of China 299.70
3. Heike Fischer, Germany 299.46

Women’s 3 m Springboard
1. Guo Jingjing, People’s Republic of China 645.54
2. Wu Min Xia, People’s Republic of China 619.05
3. Tania Cagnotto, Italy 591.27

Women’s 10 m Platform
1. Laura Wilkinson, U.S.A. 564.87
2. Ludy Tourky, Australia 551.25
3. Jia Tong, People’s Republic of China 550.98
Synchronized Diving
2005 FINA
World Championship Results

Women's 3 m Springboard
1. Li Ting & Guo Jingjing, People's Republic of China 349.80
2. Ditte Kotzian & Conny Schmalfuss, Germany 319.05
3. Kristina Ishchenko & Olena Fedorova, Ukraine 308.82

Women's 10 m Platform
1. Jia Tong & Yuan Pei Lin, People's Republic of China 351.60
2. Loudy Tourky & Chantelle Newbery, Australia 334.89
3. Meaghan Benfeito & Roseline Filion, Canada 328.

Men's 3 m Springboard
1. He Chong & Wang Feng, People's Republic of China 384.42
2. Tobias Schellenberg & Andreas Wels, Germany 364.59
3. Justin Dumais & Troy Dumais, United States of America 360.27

Men's 10 m Platform
1. Dmitry Dobroskok & Gleb Galperin, Russian Federation 392.88
2. Yang Jinghui & Hu Jia, People's Republic of China 374.79
3. Peter Waterfield & Leon Taylor, Great Britain, 367.95
Men's Water Polo

2005 FINA World Championship Results

1. Serbia & Montenegro
Denis Sefik, Petar Trbojevic,
Nikola Janovic, Vanja Udovicic,
Dejan Savic, Danilo Ikodinovic,
Slobodan Nikic, Vladimir
Gojkovic, Boris Zlokovic, Aleksandar
Sapic, Vladimir Vujasinovic,
Predrag Jokic, Zdravko Radic

2. Hungary
Zoltan Szecsi, Daniel Varga,
Norbert Madaras, Adam Steinmetz,
Tamas Kasas, Attila Vari, Gergely
Kiss, Csaba Kiss, Rajmund Fodor,
Marton Szivos, Istvan Gergely,
Tamas Molnar, Peter Biros

3. Greece
Georgios Reppas, Anastasios Schizas,
Dimitrios Mazis, Emmanouil Mylonakis,
Theodoros Chatzitheodorou, Argyris
Theodoropoulos, Cristos Afroudakis,
Georgios Ntoskas, Georgios
Afroudakis, Stefanos-Petros Santa,
Antonios Vlontakis, Matthaios
Voulgarakis, Nikolaos Deligiannis

The Team from Serbia & Montenegro

The Best of the Best

Best Game
Danilo Ikodinovic scored
4 goals in the final game
to dethrone the Hungarians.

Best Player
Gergely Kiss, is the
outstanding player of
the year.

Best Goalkeeper
It was nearly impossible
to get the ball by Denis Sefik
Women’s Water Polo

Hungary - the 2005 FINA World Champions

2005 FINA

World Championship Results

1. Hungary
Patricia Horvath, Eszter Tomaskovics,
Khrisstina Serfozo, Dora Kisteleki,
Mercedes Stieber, Andrea Toth, Rita
Dravucz, Krisztina Zantleitner, Orsolya
Takacs, Aniko Pelle, Agnes Valkai, Fruzsina
Bravik, Timea Benko

2. U.S.A.
Emily Feher, Heather Petri, Ericka Lorenz,
Brenda Villa, Lauren Wenger, Natalie Golda,
Kristina Kunkel, Erika Figge, Jaime Hipp, Kelly
Rulon, Moriah van Norman, Drue Wawrzynski,
Thalia Munro

3. Canada
Rachel Riddell, Krystina Alogbo, Whynter
Lamarre, Susan Gardiner, Tara Campbell,
Marie-Luc Arpin, Cora Campbell, Dominique
Perreault, Ann Dow, Jana Salat, Valerie Dionne,
Christine Robinson, Johanne Begin

The Best of the Best

Ann Dow - Best Player

Patricia Horvath - Best Goalkeeper
Synchronized Swimming

Solo
1. Virgine Dedieu  France  49.834
2. Natalia Ischenko  Russian Federation  49.250
3. Gemma Mengual  Spain  49.167

Virgine Dedieu

Duet
1. Russian Federation  99.667
   Anastasia Davydova and Anastasia Ermakova
2. Spain  98.167
   Gemma Mengual and Paola Tirados
3. Japan  98.00
   Saho Harada and Emiko Suzuki

Team
1. Russian Federation (RUS)  99.333
   Anastasia Davydova, Anastasia Ermakova, Maria Gromova, Natalia Ischenko, Elvira Khayanova, Olga Kuzhla, Olga Larkina, Elena Ovchinnikova, Svetlana Romashina, Anna Shorina

2. Japan (JPN)  97.833
   Saho Harada, Naoko Kawashima, Kanako Kitao, Hiromi Kobyashi, Erika Komura, Takako Konishi, Ayako Matsumura, Emiko Suzuki, Masako Tachibana

3. Spain (ESP)  07167
   Raquel Corral, Andrea Fuentes, Tina Fuentes, Thais Henriquez, Gemma Mengual, Gisela Moron, Irina Rodriguez, Paola Tirados, Christina Violan

The Russian Federation
ON EXHIBIT
AT THE INTERNATIONAL SWIMMING HALL OF FAME
THE HISTORY OF SYNCHRONIZED SWIMMING & AQUATIC ART

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By Peter Fenton

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Happenings Around the Hall

Ocean Mile Swim - Finish

Jamaican Jr. National Water Polo Team, pictured with members of the local South Florida Water Polo Club, practiced in Fort Lauderdale with the local team before traveling to Argentina for the FINA Junior World Water Polo Championships.

Ocean Mile Swim - Award Ceremony

Air & Sea Show Press Conference at ISHOF

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Cindy Nicholas, Randy Reese, E. Clay Shaw, Fu Mingxia, David Berkoff,
Craig Wilson, Norbert Rozsa, Thea deWit, Yoshiko Osaki

Nick Thierry

Craig Wilson

Yoshiko Osaki, Thea deWit, Bob Duenkel

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