INTERNATIONAL SWIMMING HALL OF FAME
2011 YEARBOOK

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF SWIMMING IN FORT LAUDERDALE
FEATURING THE 47TH ANNUAL HONOREE INDUCTION CEREMONY
Dedication

On the 50th Anniversary of the AAU’s proposal to create a Hall of Fame for Swimmers, the International Swimming Hall of Fame dedicates this year’s yearbook to the -

City of Fort Lauderdale

Fort Lauderdale’s international swimming heritage dates back to the opening of the Olympic-sized Casino Pool, in 1928. Within a few short years, Fort Lauderdale gained national attention by producing two young swimming stars that won Olympic fame, Elbert Root and Katherine Rawls. In 1936 the College Swimming Coaches Association of America discovered Fort Lauderdale and organized the first annual Coaches Forum in the City. In 1937, the Women’s National Aquatic Forum joined the coaches Forum. By 1960, the Forum was attracting 44 colleges and universities, 28 prep schools, 28 clubs and over 600 swimmers for Christmas training.

The idea for creating a Swimming Hall of Fame, modeled after the Halls of Fame for baseball and football originated at the Forum. But it wasn’t until November of 1961, that a request for proposals by the AAU was formally issued. When it was, Fort Lauderdale’s Mayor Burry, the entire city commission, and even Florida’s Governorarris Bryant expressed support for the establishment the Swimming Hall of Fame in Fort Lauderdale. Thus a “Mayor’s Swimmers” Hall of Fame Citizen’s Committee was established early in 1962. Members of this committee included the entire commission and 30 civic leaders.

On November 27, 1962, a five-man team – four from Fort Lauderdale and Ted Groves from the Florida Development Commission – presented the plan, along with letters of support from various organizations, to the general assembly of the 75th Amateur Athletic Union convention in Detroit. “The municipal government of Fort Lauderdale,” read the introductory letter from Mayor Burry, “extends a warm and cordial invitation to you and the members of your selection committee to take advantage of our hospitality and to favor us with this national shrine, for which we are more than willing to contribute our financial assistance and continuing zeal and affection.” In another letter of support, Robert Culliver, president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce of Ft. Lauderdale, wrote: “This community needs the cultural asset of a museum that marks one of the traditions of our city. Our organization has set aside a considerable sum of money for such a purpose. We heartily welcome the Swimming Hall of Fame and will continue our support in years to come”.

That same day, the AAU unanimously selected Fort Lauderdale’s bid over the bids of Houston and Louisville, Mayor Burry said, “We are grateful to them for bringing this new project to Ft. Lauderdale.”

We are grateful to the City of Fort Lauderdale! Thank you for being our home!
Be Part of History ...
Be Part of the Hall of Fame

How would you like to add your name to this list?
Buster Crabbe, Johnny Weissmuller, Iet van Feggelen, Dezso Gyarmati, Dawn Fraser,
Donna DeVarona, Mark Spitz, Klaus Dibiasi, Sylvie Frechette, Greg Louganis,
Jenny Thompson, Rowdy Gaines and YOU!

- You don’t have to be elected to the Hall of Fame to be in it! -

Calling all swimmers, divers, water polo players and synchronized swimmers
Donate your swimming or aquatic memorabilia to the
International Swimming Hall of Fame today!

Join our recent donors of memorabilia:
- Uhro Saari film collection
- The Joel & Ward O’Connell film collection
- Wool bathing suits (pre-1950)
- Emil Rausch Olympic medal collection
- Gold medal synchro suits from Karen & Sarah Josephson
- Rowdy Gaines’ 1984 Olympic gold medal

ISHOF is looking for historically significant items:
- Swim suits
- Scrapbooks
- Trophies
- Apparel
- Medals
- Meet programs and books
- Aquatic related research and thesis
- Olympic Memorabilia

Here’s how you can help ISHOF preserve the history of swimming for future generations, including your children & grandchildren:

- Become a member of ISHOF -
- Donate your memorabilia to ISHOF -
- Become a Donor or Sponsor of ISHOF -

For information about the tax benefits of joining or donating to ISHOF, contact Bruce Wigo or Bob Duenkel at (954) 462-6536
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 person’s drown each year and in many parts of this 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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The International Swimming Hall of Fame got its financial start from memberships by loyal fans and community conscious citizens backing "their" International Swimming Hall of Fame. To all of you who have contributed over the years - THANKYOU! To everyone else, we cannot continue to exist without YOUR support and ask that you please consider joining our growing membership rolls. For more information about membership and how to support ISHOF visit www.ishof.org or call us at (954)462-6536.

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It is my pleasure to welcome all attending the International Swimming Hall of Fame’s 47th Annual Honoree Dinner and Induction Ceremony.

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Congratulations to the International Swimming Hall of Fame’s 2011 inductees: Re Calcaterra (United States), Thomas Hoad (Australia), Dr. Denes Kemeny (Hungary), Leonid “Lenny” Krayzelburg (United States), Michael Read (Great Britain), Aleksandar Sostar (Yugoslavia / Serbia and Montenegro), Miya Tachibana (Japan), Petria Thomas (Australia), Ian Thorpe (Australia), and Franziska van Almsick (Germany).

I would also like to recognize Albert II, Sovereign Prince of Monaco, as this year’s Gold Medallion Award recipient and Pedro Adrega (Portugal) on receiving the 2011 Al Schoenfield Media Award.

For all of you, your selection is a tremendous achievement and a testament of your significant impact on international swimming. Best wishes for a memorable evening.

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

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When Prince Albert took over the reins of the Mediterranean principality of Monaco, upon the death of his father Prince Rainier, on April 6, 2005, he brought a wealth of training, dedication and long years of experience in international and governmental affairs to the role.

Albert first studied at Monaco’s Lycee Albert First, graduating with distinction in 1976. He went on to Amherst College in Massachusetts, where he studied political science, economics, psychology, philosophy and English literature. He speaks four languages, is a licensed helicopter pilot and is a reserve Lieutenant Commander in the Navy.

While his accomplishments in the academic sphere are impressive, the Prince’s accomplishments and interest in the world of athletics are truly remarkable. He was the Lycee’s best middle-distance runner and a champion swimmer. At Amherst he trained in javelin, and also played on the Monaco soccer team for four years. A black-belt in judo, he has participated in five Olympic Games as a member of Monaco’s national bobsleigh team. A member of the International Olympic Committee since 1985, He is also President of both the Monegasque Olympic Committee and Monegasque Swimming Federation –sponsors of one of the world’s most famous swimming meets - held annually in Monte Carlo – the Mare Nostrum.

His interest in athletics, particularly swimming - and the legacy of his Kelly side of the family - is his connection to the International Swimming Hall of Fame.

His maternal grandfather, John B. Kelly, Sr., was a legendary Olympic rowing champion, businessman, philanthropist and civic leader. His uncle, John B. Kelly, Jr. – Grace’s brother - followed in his father’s footsteps on all accounts. He won the legendary Diamond Sculls Rowing Regatta at Henley, the A.A.U.’s Sullivan Award as America’s best amateur athlete in 1947 and participated in four Olympic Games. It was “Kel’s” romance and marriage to Olympic swimmer, Mary Freeman, that led the Kelly family to become patrons of American swimming and the John B. Kelly Olympic Pool, in Philadelphia. Built in 1954, Kelly Pool hosted U.S. National Swimming and Diving Championships for over two decades and many were won by Vesper Boat Club Swimming Team –coached by Mary Freeman Kelly, the first American woman coach to be inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame.

Before being elected President of the United States Olympic Committee in 1985, John B. Kelly, Jr. served as President of the International Swimming Hall of Fame from 1981 to 1984.

- Since 1993, Prince Albert has led the Monegasque delegation to the General Assembly of the United Nations.
- He is Chairman of the Mediterranean Science Commission.
- He has visited the North Pole by dog sled from the Russian base of Barneo, 120 kilometres away and in January of 2009, he undertook a three-week scientific journey in the Antarctic.
- He has established the Prince Albert the second of Monaco Foundation dedicated to protecting the environment.
- He has made important contributions in the fields of Human rights, child protection laws, privacy rights, freedom of expression and gender equity and has proved to be particularly concerned with the Principality’s economic development in a spirit of ethics and transparency and is committed to a policy of developing facilities and conducting major public work projects.
- His Serene Highness Prince Albert’s interests and life’s work span the broad spectrum of world affairs and he has received many international awards, including: The Teddy Roosevelt Medal awarded by the United States Congress / The Roger Revelle prize from the Scripps Institution of Oceanography / The Awards of Honorary Membership in Geographical Societies of Russia and Italy.
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Re Calcaterra (USA)
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FOR THE RECORD: INTERNATIONAL CLINICIAN AND PROMOTER OF SYNCHRONIZED SWIMMING SINCE 1955; U.S. NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBER OF AAU, USSS; COACH OF TWO U.S. NATIONAL CHAMPIONS AND TWO INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONS.

Re Calcaterra was born in 1915 in St. Louis, an area where she lived all her life. In this landlocked state of Missouri, swimming was not on the minds of most people especially after the dirty-water swimming conditions where many athletes became ill at the 1904 St Louis Olympic Games only eleven years earlier. After high school graduation, she went to work as a secretary at the Brown Shoe Company in St. Louis. Soon married, she took her daughter, Roz, to the YMCA, teaching her to swim at a young age. A few years later, she attended a synchronized swimming clinic and in 1948, at the St. Louis Downtown YMCA, she organized the Clayton Shaw Park Synchronized Swimming Team, which she coached for more than 50 years; producing two national champions, one being daughter Roz, synchro’s first nomination for the Sullivan Award.

From 1955 to 1970, she coached four synchronized swimming teams to keep synchro alive in the Ozark AAU during the early years. She served on many committees during her tenure with synchro swimming and was the first woman president of the Ozark AAU. In 1961, she organized a six week Pacific and Far East tour to Japan, Hawaii, Guam, Korea, the Philippines, Okinawa, and Sri Lanka to promote synchronized swimming internationally. Her coaching spanned from age group levels to Masters. She was a “Rated” synchronized swimming judge until her death in 2007 at the age of 91.

Tom Hoad was a Western Australia State Butterfly Champion from 1950 to 1954, but his love for the water was in Water Polo. For over 60 years, he helped to keep Australia in the forefront of world water polo, first as a player, then as a coach. He played on four Olympic Water Polo teams, three as Captain: 1960 Rome, 1964 Tokyo, 1968 Mexico City, and 1972 Munich. He was elevated to coach in 1976 Montreal, 1980 Moscow, 1984 Los Angeles, and 1988 Seoul Olympic Games. His 1980 Olympic team beat World Champions, Italy, with a 3 to 2 score.

His unorthodox coaching tactics are legendary earning him the title Australia’s “Mr. Water Polo”. His involvement in the sport is all encompassing, attracting foreign teams to Australia for competition. He coached Australia in approximately 200 Games from 1975 to 1988. His World Championship teams placed 11th in 1973 Belgrade, 9th in 1978 Berlin, 11th in 1982 Guayaquil and 10th in 1986 Madrid. His 1985 World Cup team was 7th.

He was chairman of the organizing committee for the 1991 and 1998 Perth World Championships, the 1995 Australian Masters Games, the 2001 Junior Women’s World Water Polo Championships, and the 2002 Women’s World Cup. He was Head Coach of the National League Team, Fremantle Mariners for 10 years winning three championships out of an unprecedented nine consecutive grand final appearances. He served on the FINA Technical Water Polo Committee for two terms from 1968 to 1976. In his honor, a cup is presented annually in Perth, Western Australia, exposing local players to elite levels of competition.
Born in Budapest 1954, Denes Kemeny began playing water polo at the young age of six. For the next 21 years, he played for six teams making the Hungarian National Team from 1974 to 1986 and competing in over 17 international games for his country. But his competition days were only preparing him for what was to come. In a country where water polo is the national sport, Kemény would become one of Hungary’s most successful water polo coaches ever.

He graduated college in veterinary medicine, but later with a degree of water polo master trainer, he assumed the head coaching reigns of the National Team of Hungary; a country that had won an Olympic medal at all 12 Olympic Games from 1928 through 1980, but had not won an Olympic medal for the 20 year period from the 1980 Moscow Olympics to the 2000 Sydney Olympic Games. Kemeny changed all that! Within two short years as National Team Coach in 1978, his style, leadership and coaching ability returned Hungary to world prominence and water polo world dominance. Everything he touched turned to gold: the 2000 Olympic Sydney Olympic Games defeating Russia with the biggest goal margin in the history of Olympic finals; the 2004 Olympic Athens Games defeating Serbia & Montenegro coming back from a two goal deficit in the final period; and the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games defeating a strong, surprise team from the USA.

This marks the first time a country has won three successive Olympic Games since Great Britain in 1908, 1912 and 1920. Kémeny-coached teams have won gold medals at World Championships, World League, World Cups, European Championships and the European League. Kemeny has the ability to take young players and turn them into great players.
Leonid “Lenny” Krayzelburg was born in Odessa, the Soviet Union. After spending his boyhood years in what is now the Ukraine, his family immigrated to the United States to escape Soviet Jewish anti-Semitism and the call of the Soviet army, settling in a Soviet Jewish enclave in Los Angeles. This soft-spoken Russian, a product of the Soviet sports system, wanted to continue his swimming in America, training first at the Jewish Community Center and eventually at the University of Southern California and Trojan Swim Club with coaches Bruce Becker at the Westside JCC, Stu Blumkin at Santa Monica College and Mark Schubert at USC.

His first big international meet was the 1997 Fukuoka Pan Pacific Games, where he won three backstroke gold medals. Now at 6 feet 2 inches, 190 pounds, he was destined to become the world’s best backstroke swimmer. At the 1998 Perth World Championship, he won gold medals in the 100m and 200m backstroke. At the 1999 Sydney Pan Pacific Games he won all gold medals again. At the 2000 Sydney Olympic Games, Lenny became the first Olympic swimmer, since Rick Carey in 1984, to win both the 100 meter and 200 meter backstroke events at the same Olympics. He also led off the 4x100m medley relay gold-medal swim setting the 100m backstroke world record in the process.

Repeated surgeries to his left shoulder did not prevent him from being elected captain of the 2004 US Olympic Team and winning a fourth Olympic gold medal on the 4x100 medley relay team swimming in the prelims.

All totaled, Lenny set five world records, one each in the 50 meter, 100 meter and 200 meter backstroke and two short course records. He was the USA Swimmer of the Year in 1999 and 2000. Lenny’s story is the ultimate success story: the immigrant who came to a new land, worked hard, overcame obstacles and found exactly what he hoped to find, the American Dream. He has opened the LK Swim Academy to teach children to swim and his Foundation helps underprivileged kids to learn to swim.
Mike Read was an English school-boy butterfly champion who earned a position on Great Britain’s 1960 Olympic Team in the 4x200 meter freestyle relay. But he loved swimming in the open water and between 1960 and 2000, he swam in more than 150 British Long Distance Swimming Association Championships setting more than 25 records. He was the 25 Kilometer Lake Windermere International Champion in 1970 and the first person to swim four lengths of Lake Windermere in succession, a total of 42 miles in 26 hours. In total, Michael Read has completed England’s longest lake Windermere 39 times.

He was only the second person to swim around the treacherous waters of the Isle of Wright, 60 miles in 24 hours 36 minutes. In 1975, he became the first to swim Humstonton to Skegness and return, 40 miles in 16 hours 4 minutes. In 1979, he swam the English Channel six times in one season to capture the title King of the Channel. According to Channel Swimming Association Records, he retains the title today with 33 Channel crossings.

During the 1970’s, the Scottish Lochs became a target including 24 mile Loch Ness at 42°F in 14 hours 24 minutes, as well as Lochs Lomond, Earn, Rannoch and Tay. He was the first to swim from Mora to Amposta, Spain, 65 kilometers. Other swims include lake and sea crossings in Greece, Holland, Italy, Switzerland, Yugoslavia, Egypt, Syria, Turkey, Tunisia and the USA.

In 1978, he was elected Honorary Vice President of the Channel Swimming Association and serves as President today. Mike believes in defending his titles and for over 55 years has done just that.
Aleksandar Sostar (SRB)
2011 Honor Water Polo Player


Yugoslavia’s Partizan Water Polo Club produced many great water polo players over the years including: Hall of Famers Zoran Jankovic, Ciro Kovacic, Igor Milanovic, and Mirko Sandic. In 1975, at the age of eleven, Alexandar Sostar joined the club. In his 16 years with the club and another 10 years with four other clubs, he developed into one of the world’s greatest water polo goal keepers of all time. At 6 feet 5 inches tall weighing 225 pounds, he kept the opposing team from scoring goals, deflecting many shots on goal. At the 1988 Seoul Olympics, Yugoslavia won the gold medal, losing only one game in the tournament, and defeating the USA in the final round.

Sostar was known as a fierce competitor, quick with his hands and reflexes and never willing to give his opponents an opportunity to score. Prevented from playing in the 1992 Barcelona Olympics due to United Nations sanctions, he competed again in 1996 Atlanta as Serbia and Montenegro finishing in 8th place. At the 2000 Sydney Olympic Games, his team was back on the podium, winning the bronze medal behind Hungary and Russia. He also won gold and bronze medals at the 1991 and 2000 World Championships respectively and competed in five European Championships, winning two gold medals and three silver medals.

As a goal keeper, Sostar was dominant for most of his 20 year career. Since his retirement from the game he has been the President of Serbia and Montenegro Water Polo Federation, Director of Sport for the Serbian Government, Assistant to the Minister of Sports for the Republic of Serbia and President of Serbian Sports Association. In 2001, he was declared “Athlete and Sportsman of the Year” for Yugoslavia.
Miya Tachibana grew up in Otsu, Shiga, Japan loving the water so much that by the fourth grade, she was competing in synchronized swimming. By high school she was winning the Junior World Championships. Following in the footsteps of her Hall of Fame predecessor, Mikako Kotani, she became one of the world’s most successful synchronized swimmers, and Japan’s most decorated Olympic and World Championship synchronized swimmer of all time.

At three Asian Games, she won all gold medals in solo and duet. At three World Championships, from 1994 to 2003, she placed second in duet. Following the 1998 Perth World Championships, Miya received the FINA Prize for her outstanding performances that year.

Competing in three Olympic Games, she won five medals. Her Olympic performances began in 1996 in Atlanta, with Japan winning the bronze medal in the team event, the only synchronized swimming event of the Atlanta Games. Four years later in Sydney, she and teammate Miho Takeda won the silver medal in duet, less than one point behind the Russian duo of Hall of Famers Olga Brusnikina and Maria Kisseleva. Miya and Miho repeated the silver-medal wins four years later in Athens, the only duo to medal in successive Olympic Games after the Josephson twins in 1988 and 1992. Japan continued in the silver medal count for the Team Event in both 2000 and 2004. At Japan’s National Championships, Miya won 22 national titles, ten of them solo.
Petria Thomas (AUS)
2010 Honor Swimmer

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

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

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

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

2011 Honor Swimmer

FOR THE RECORD: 2000 OLYMPIC GAMES: gold (400m freestyle, 4x100m freestyle, 4x200m freestyle), silver (200m freestyle, 4x100 m medley); 2004 OLYMPIC GAMES: gold (200m freestyle, 400m freestyle), silver (4x200m freestyle), bronze (100m freestyle); 1998 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: gold (400m freestyle, 4X200 m freestyle); 2001 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: gold (200m freestyle, 400m freestyle, 800m freestyle, 4x100m freestyle, 4x200m freestyle, 4x100m medley); 2003 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: gold (200m freestyle, 400m freestyle, 4x200m freestyle), silver (200m Individual Medley) bronze (100m freestyle); 17 WORLD RECORDS: 6 (200m freestyle), 5 (400m freestyle), 2 (800 m freestyle), 1 (4x100m freestyle), 3 (4x200m freestyle); 6 WORLD RECORDS (25m): 3 (200m freestyle), 1 (400m freestyle), 2 (4x100m freestyle, 4x200m freestyle); 1999 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP CHAMPIONSHIPS (25m): gold (200m freestyle, 4x100m freestyle), silver (400m freestyle); 1998 COMMONWEALTH GAMES: gold (200m freestyle, 400m freestyle; 4x100m freestyle, 4x200m freestyle); 2002 COMMONWEALTH GAMES: gold (100m freestyle, 200m freestyle, 400m freestyle, 4x100m freestyle, 4x200m freestyle, 4x100m medley), silver (100m backstroke); 1999 PAN PACIFIC CHAMPIONSHIPS: gold (200m freestyle, 400m freestyle, 4x100m freestyle, 4x200m freestyle); 2002 PAN PACIFIC CHAMPIONSHIPS: gold (100m freestyle, 200m freestyle, 400m freestyle, 4x100m freestyle, 4x200m freestyle), silver (4x100m medley); WORLD SWIMMER OF THE YEAR: 1998-1999, 2001-2002: WORLD PACIFIC RIM SWIMMER OF THE YEAR: 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2004.

As a child, Ian Thorpe grew tired of seeing his older sister swim in competitions, so he also took up swimming. He was a natural swimmer with a natural stroke, who after outgrowing a chlorine allergy, swam his way into the history books to become Australia’s most decorated swimmer ever. Nicknamed “Torpedo”, Thorpe became a celebrated hero throughout the world. At age 14 he became the youngest-ever male World Champion when he won the 400m freestyle at the 1998 Perth World Championship, dominating this event for the next six years.

A giant in swimming, he stood 6 feet 5 inches tall, weighing 230 pounds with a shoe size 17 and an arm span of 6 feet 5 inches. He was built for speed and most everything he swam resulted in winning gold medals. He won four gold medals at the 1998 Kuala Lumpur Commonwealth Games; four gold medals at the 1999 Pan Pacific Games; six gold medals at the 2001 Fukuoka World Championships; five gold medals at the 2002 Yokohama Pan Pacific Games; three gold medals at the 2003 Barcelona World Championships, and six gold medals at the 2002 Manchester Commonwealth Games. At the 2000 Sydney Olympic Games, Thorpe won the 400 meter freestyle in world record time and another two gold medals on the freestyle relay teams. He also won silver medals in the 200m freestyle and 4x100 meter medley relay team. At the 2004 Athens Olympic Games, he became the only Olympian in history to win medals in the 100 meter, 200 meter and 400 meter freestyle at the same Olympic Games by winning gold medals in the 200 meter and 400 meter freestyle and a bronze medal in the 100 meter freestyle. All totaled, Thorpe used his powerful trademark six-beat kick to set 18 world records.

Today, Ian has his own jewelry and underwear line, is an ambassador for Armani clothes and has a swimming pool named in his honor. He co-founded the Ian Thorpe Foundation for Youth Trust, a charity that benefits the treatment of children with life threatening diseases.
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**ALGERIA (ALG)**
- Larlaoui, Mustapha (1998) Contributor

**ARGENTINA (ARG)**
- Campbell, Jeannette (1991) Swimmer
- Zorrilla, Alberto (1991) Swimmer
- Burgos, Ignacio (1991) Coach

**AUSTRALIA (AUS)**
- Armstrong, Duncan (1996) Swimmer
- Beaurepaire, Sir Frank (1967) Swimmer
- Herford, Sam (1992) Coach
- Healy, Cecil (1981) Swimmer
- Marshall, John (1973) Swimmer
- Kieran, Barney (1969) Swimmer
- Cavill Family (1970) Contributors (6)
- Herford, Sam (1992) Coach

**ARGENTINA (ARG)**
- Lenk, Maria (1988) Swimmer

**AUSTRALIA (AUS)**
- Neall, Gail (1996) Swimmer
- Neall, Gail (1996) Swimmer
- Carlile, Forbes (1996) Coach

**BELGIUM (BEL)**
- Blitz, Gerard (1990) Pioneer Water Polo
- Plentinex, Joseph (1990) Pioneer Water Polo

**BRAZIL (BRA)**
- Lenk, Maria (1988) Swimmer

**CANADA (CAN)**
- Baumann, Alex (1992) Swimmer

**CHINA (CHN)**
- Gao, Min (1998) Diver
- Fu, Mingqua (2005) Diver

**CZECHOSLOVAKIA (TCH)**
- Duchalkova, Milena (1983) Diver

**DENMARK (DEN)**
- Andersen, Gretha (1969) Swimmer
- Clausen, Freddy (1988) Pioneer Diver
- Hamburger, Karen (1975) Swimmer
- Hveger, Ragnhild (1995) Diver

**EGYPT (EGY)**
- Smisika, Farid (1998) Diver

**FRANCE (FRA)**
- Boiteux, Jean (1982) Swimmer
- Caron, Christine "Kiki" (1998) Swimmer
- Coustou, Jacques-Yves (1967) Contributor
- Dinig, Emile Georges (1984) Contributor
- Iocy, Alex (1977) Swimmer
- Mirville, Albain (1980) Coach
- Padou, Henri (1970) Water Polo
- Taris, Jean (1984) Swimmer
- Thevenot, Monfleu (1990) Pioneer Contributor

**GREAT BRITAIN (GBR)**
- Asher, Jane (1996) Masters Swimmer
- Cameron, James Malcolm "Taffy" (2003) Contributor
- Cooper, M. Joyce (1956) Pioneer Swimmer
- Derbyshire, "Rob" (2005) Pioneer Swimmer/Water Polo/Coach
- Fletcher, Jennie (2017) Swimmer
- Forsberg, Gerald (1998) Pioneer Open Water Contributor

**GERMANY & FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY (GER/FRG)**
- Bathe, Walter (1970) Swimmer
- Brack, Walter (1997) Pioneer Swimmer
- Fassnacht, Hans (1992) Swimmer
- Gross, Michael (1995) Swimmer
- Gunst, Fritz (1990) Pioneer Water Polo
- Gunther, Paul (1988) Pioneer Diver

**GERMANY DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC (GDR)**
- Anke, Hannalore (1990) Swimmer
- End, Kornelia (1981) Swimmer
- Hoffmann, Falk (1999) Diver
- Kother, Rosemarie (1986) Swimmer
- Kramer, Ingrid (1975) Diver
- Krause, Barbara (1988) Swimmer
- Matthaeus, Roland (1981) Swimmer
- Metzschuck, Caren (1990) Swimmer
- Otto, Kristin (1993) Swimmer
- Pollack, Andrea (1987) Swimmer
- Remisch, Rica (1989) Swimmer
- Richter, Ulrike (1983) Swimmer
- Schneider, Petra (1989) Swimmer
- Tauber, Ulrika (1988) Swimmer
- Thunus, Petra (1987) Swimmer

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

**HUNGARY (HUN)**
- Barany, Dr. Istvan (1978) Swimmer
- Cisk, Ferenc (1983) Swimmer
- Darnyi, Tamas (2000) Swimmer
- Donath, Leo (1988) Pioneer Contributor

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With over 50 years of service to competitive and recreational water sports, we are especially proud of our association with the International Swimming Hall of Fame, its mission and membership.
Richard W. Shoulberg
Head Coach Germantown Academy and GAAC
2011 Paragon Award / Competitive Swimming

Since 1969, Dick Shoulberg has been the Head Coach and Aquatics Director at Germantown Academy as well as GA Aquatic Club (formerly known as Foxcatcher). He has represented the United States as coach in international competitions over 17 times including the World and Pan Pacific Championships and the Pan American and Olympic Games. Honored by the American Swimming Coaches Assoc. in 1982 and 1989, Dick has produced eleven Olympians: 2000 Olympics - Maddy Crippen, Alex Fung, Guy Yimsomruay; 1992 Olympics - Dave Wharton, Dave Berkoff, Sean Killion, (the most male swimmers from any one club on the USA team); 1980 - Karin LaBerge; 1988 - Dan Jorgenson, Trina Radke, Erika Hansen, Dave Wharton; 1984 - Sue Heon. Open water champion Fran Crippen was one of his swimmers. He has also coached over 150 All Americans and numerous Senior and Junior National champions and finalists. Since 1980, his teams have finished in the top eight at Senior Nationals and his Academy teams have won five women’s National Prep School Championships and two men’s championships. In 2000 he received the National Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Association (NISCA) Hall of Fame Award for high school swimming.

Even after 55 years in the coaching profession, he continues to teach pre-kindergarten to Grade 12 children, five to six classes per day in learn-to-swim, lifeguard certification and fitness training programs.

He continues to serve as a member of the Olympic International Development Committee, the Olympic International Operational Committee, the United States Swimming Steering Committee and the USS Rules Committee, among others. He has authored a chapter in the The Swim Coaching Bible and has presented clinics in over 15 countries.

But Shoulberg’s purpose is not in the number of great athletes he produced, but rather, the human qualities of citizenship he instills in each swimmer/student. Says Shoulberg swimmer and Princeton swim team graduate Alicia Aemsigger, “He cares about us as swimmers, but he cares more about us as people”.

Farhad Madani
Retired, City of Austin, Texas / Parks and Recreation Aquatic Safety
2011 Paragon Award / Aquatic Safety

Farhad Madani is a dedicated public servant, serving for over twenty-seven (27) years with the City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department, a nationally accredited agency. Spending much of his career in aquatics management and operations, Farhad worked his way up through the ranks starting as a lifeguard in the summer of 1980 and eventually becoming the Assistant Director overseeing the areas of aquatics, recreation programming, parks operations & maintenance, and golf & athletics. Farhad retired from the department as Assistant Director in the spring of 2010.

During his tenure, the department received many top awards from the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA), including the National Gold Medal Award in 2004, which recognized the department as best overall in the country. The department also received the 1999 and 2006 Excellence in Aquatics Award for demonstrating best aquatic management practices under his leadership including serving as a Board Member for the NRPA National Aquatic Branch between 1999 and 2007, ultimately serving as Branch President in 2006. He served as the National Aquatic Conference Educational Chair from 2001-2004, and between 2005 and 2008, he was an active member of the United States Lifeguarding Coalition, conducting research in various lifeguarding skill areas.

Finally, Farhad has been included in the Who’s Who in Aquatic Leadership in the United States multiple times, and was featured in 2005 as one of the top 25 Influential Aquatic Leaders in the country in the Aquatics International Magazine.

Currently, Farhad is a consultant in Aquatic Safety.
In the words of Jesus Mena, “Usually when someone works as a volunteer there is no recognition expected because we do it for delight and passion. We are not waiting for anything in return.”

That’s what happened to Jesus with diving. When he was eight years old, he found diving to be the best sport in the world. He had the opportunity of competing in many events representing his country Mexico and became National champion, Central American champion, World Junior champion and Bronze Medallist in the Seoul 1988 Olympic Games on the 10m platform.

As a retired diver, he was entrusted to be responsible for diving in Mexico preparing himself to be a judge. Then he organized the 1997 World Cup and the Grand Prix Super Final that is the background of the Diving World Series. During that time, Mexico developed outstanding including Fernando Platas, Olympic silver medallist on the 3m Springboard in Sydney 2000.

As a judge, he participated in every possible event including World Cup, World Championships and Olympic Games.

In 2000, he was invited to be part of the FINA Technical Diving Committee, now in his second term as chairman. In his humble way, Jesus is deeply honored to have worked, learned, been taught by and shared with the diving community, his family. The sport has improved over the past 11 years with a School for Judges and the World Series. He knows that challenges are still ahead, but comments “We have high spirits and we will continue working as if it was our first day.”

A strong family man, Jesus considers his parents Guadalupe and Jesus the best in the world. “They taught me to believe in dreams, to fight and work hard to make them come true. I was witness of their total devotion to their children.” Brother and sister, Didier and Enevy, have always shown an unconditional love.

Says Jesus, “By receiving this recognition I want to thank a friend from whom I have learned to work, to honor the pledged word, to keep commitments and to think that there can be a better place to live, that man is Enrique Peña Nieto, Governor of the State of Mexico.

I receive this recognition thanks to an exceptional woman, whom I admire, respect and deeply love, my wife Paulina. Since we first met 23 years ago, she has always been my support; she has encouraged and driven me. Her advice, her timely word and her love have guided and given me reason to dedicate to my sport. We have two children Paulina and Jesus. We love them both above everything else. Thanks to my wife who makes a praising raising labor although I get absent from home. I receive this recognition with complete knowledge of the commitment I am acquiring. The persons who have received them before me are people I respect and appreciate; they are my friends. Thanks to those who considered that I have the necessary merits to be awarded. “
For almost 40 years, Joe Krasevec has worked to increase the development and benefits of water exercise, pioneering new programs of exercising in the water. In the early 1980’s, he developed the ‘HydroRobics’ water exercise program and was the principle author of the book HydroRobics, published in 1984 by Leisure Press and later by Human Kinetics Publishers. It was later translated into both Portuguese and Japanese.

Sensing a very limited national coordination among water exercise instructors and authors, in 1985 he began to work with Louise Priest (CNCA) to organize an ‘exploratory meeting’ at a CNCA National Conference which included select water exercise professionals from around the country. This led to the formation of the National Advisory Committee on Aquatic Exercise (NA CAE), which he chaired. After presenting papers at several national aquatic conferences, attending international aquatic professionals took a serious interest in his program and invited him to conduct instructor workshops in both Brazil (1989, ‘90, ‘92, ‘93) and Australia 1987 for a one month tour - four cities and thirteen workshops.

In 1987 the National YMCA (Tom Wertz, Aquatic Director) asked permission to adopt his “HydroRobics Program” as the official program of the YMCA under the name Y’s Way to Water Exercise. Joe was asked to write the national instructor-training manual published the next year. The ‘Y’ used the program for almost 12 years!

From 1976 to 1998, Joe conducted several instructor-training workshops in Atlanta and around the country. He has taught water exercise at the Vinings Corporate Dining and Athletic Club since its opening 20 years ago and still has many charter members from the original class.

After 22 years, Joe retired in 1998 from Georgia State University (GSU), but continues to teach an Exercise Science course (Fitness & Training Concepts) at GSU in which he exposes the students to water exercise concepts under the heading of ‘exercise environments’. He also teaches fencing at Agnes Scott College in Decatur, GA.

In Joe’s words, “I am extremely humbled to be a 2011 recipient of the ISHOF Paragon Award which represents a successful career of approximately 50 years in the recreational sports/aquatic industry. When I retired I spent my first year reflecting over the many years of my professional career to question whether or not I made a contribution to the profession. I am proud to be among a class of individuals who have achieved outstanding success in their aquatic professions and are deserving of this award. Receiving the Paragon Award has reminded me that my work has made a significant difference in contributing to the well-being of individuals throughout the world.”
Chris Carver is a groundbreaking synchronized swimming choreographer and coach of the famed Santa Clara Aquamaids Club. As coach of the U.S. National Team, the National Team won every gold medal in elite international competition between the 1991 Pan American Games and 1996 Olympic Games. Her swimmer Becky Dyroen-Lancer won all four gold medals at the 1994 World Championships and repeated the grand slam another eight times for which Becky earned the FINA Prize.

With four of her own swimmers on the 1996 Olympic team, Carver choreographed the USA team to win the Olympics’ first gold medal in the team event earning the first perfect 100 score in synchronized swimming’s Olympic history. Seven of the nine members of the 2000 Olympic team were Carver’s own swimmers as were eight of the nine swimmers in 2004.

Chris has produced more than 50% of the USA’s Synchronized Swimming Olympians since 1984. Two of her swimmers, Alison Bartosik and Anna Kozlova won bronze medals in duet in 2004. Carver was named Coach of the Year by U.S. Synchronized Swimming in 2005 for the 14th consecutive time since 1992 and is reflected in her 14 U.S. National Team Championships with the Santa Clara Aquamaids since 1985.

In Chris’ words, “My periodic visits to ISHOF are reverent experiences for me. When I am there I am in, what I regard as, the “Aquatic Cathedral.” The International Swimming Hall of Fame is home to those, in all aquatic disciples, who have shaped the world of aquatics—a world that I have been privileged to live in for many decades. All who dwell within these walls are people of passion and purpose. Simply put, they are my heroes. And now I am both thrilled and humbled to be invited to reside among these great people. I must admit that it is a bit bewildering to be honored for simply doing what one loves to do. It is said that a coach can have a powerful influence on an athlete’s life, however, what is seldom mentioned is the influence that the athlete has on the life of that coach. How fortunate I have been to have my life enhanced by so many wonderful athletes. I am deeply appreciative to be included in ISHOF’s remarkable congregation.”
City of Commerce Parks and Recreation Department

2011 Paragon Award | Water Polo

CITY OF COMMERCE-BETTER CITIZENS THROUGH SWIMMING
A MODEL PROGRAM FOR ACHIEVING DIVERSITY IN AQUATICS

With recent studies showing most Latino’s don’t know how to swim, and less than 2% of competitive aquatic athletes are Black and Latino, you wouldn’t think that the City of Commerce, a mostly Latino, blue-collar working community of 13,000, in east Los Angeles, would be known for aquatics. But Commerce has one of the finest aquatic facilities in the state of California and has been producing Olympians since the 1960’s. III Brenda Villa a three time Olympian will be captain of the USA Women’s Olympic Water Polo Team. Another Commerce player, Patty Cardenas, a member of the 2007 World Championship Women’s Water Polo Team is also expected to make this year’s USA Olympic Team.

In Commerce it’s “cool” to swim.

“We put them in the water as babies and they continue,” says Bylsma-Houghton, “because our city thinks swimming is important.”

There are no financial barriers to swim in Commerce. Residents swim in the 1001 for free. Child swim lessons cost $3 for two weeks of lessons- Adults pay $10 for a month of lessons. The city employs a full-time swim coach and full-time coaches for both the boys and girls water polo teams. Each team is limited to 100 kids and there is a waiting list to join. There are no monthly dues for team members and the city pays entry fees and travel expenses.

At Commerce, every child must swim on the swim team before they can join the water polo team. Some do both, but many gravitate by high school to water polo.

“We put a heavy emphasis on swimming, but clearly the success of our polo girls is a major reason why Commerce athletes gravitate to water polo. It also appears that team sports in general have more appeal to our citizens. Water polo games provide more of a social atmosphere for the families and that’s important.”

While the Commerce Aquatorium can accommodate swimming meets, it was designed primarily with water polo in mind. The main pool is 39 meters long and 25 yards wide. Spectator seating is 250, enough for fans of two teams.

“I don’t think our kids would be participating in swimming and water polo if they lived in other cities,” says Bylsma-Houghton. “And that’s a shame because our kids have gotten so much from our program. Over the past five years, 100% of our senior girls have gotten full riches to college for water polo. Their GPA average has been 3.8 and they gone on to schools like Bucknell, USC, UCLA, Michigan, Stanford and Berkeley. For most, they are the first of their family to swim and the first to attend college.”

“Now we are beginning to see the second generation, children of our children joining our program. In Commerce, swimming has become part of our Latino culture.”
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Pedro Adrega (POR)
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With a Journalism degree from the New University of Lisbon, Pedro Adrega began his career in the media, working for the sports daily newspaper Record (over 100,000 daily readers). There, he was in charge of covering a wide range of sports, namely Swimming, Cycling, Basketball, Volleyball, motorized sports, Judo, Tennis or Golf. He was also responsible for covering Olympic matters and the Portuguese governmental policy related to Sports.

At the end of 1999, he moved to Switzerland and began working at the FINA Communications Department. Initially as editor of the periodical newsletters of the International Federations (FINA News, FINA Masters News, FINA Open Water News, FINA Sports Medicine News), then as founder and editor-in-chief of the monthly “FINA Aquatics World” magazine from 2003 to 2009. In 2010, the publication was improved. It is presently issued six times a year, and contains 120 color pages per edition. Pedro Adrega continues as its editor-in-chief along with Tamas Gyarfas, FINA Bureau member.

Beginning in 2008, Pedro became Head of the FINA Communications Department.


Besides these major events, Pedro has attended many other competitions in the five aquatic disciplines, as well as several World Congresses organized by FINA and many FINA Bureau meetings.

As a Journalist, his primary passion, he has written hundreds of stories about the FINA stars and the five FINA disciplines – Swimming, Diving, Water Polo, Synchronized Swimming and Open Water Swimming. He was also the Production Editor of the book “Aquatics 1908-2008, 100 Years of Excellence in Sport”, published in 2008 to mark FINA’s Centenary.

Responsible for the FINA Communications Department, Pedro is also actively helping the Organizing Committee of the FINA main events in the preparation of the Media Plan and Operations. When on site, and besides reporting the event for the FINA website/publications, he is one of the key people in assisting organizers in running the Media Press Centre, Media Stands, or Press Conference Room.

Married and father of a 17-month-old (in May 2011) boy, Pedro is fluent in five languages: English, French, Spanish, Portuguese and Greek.
Lewis Gordon Pugh loves to pioneer new swimming routes around or between landmarks once thought unswimmable. In 2006, he swam the drought-stricken Thames; also that year he became the first swimmer to do a long-distance swim in all five oceans of the world. The following year, he made the first long-distance swim across the North Pole -- where climate change made the ice temporarily disappear. Heading into the second decade of his swimming career, he’s regarded as the greatest cold-water swimmer in history.

His swims have given him a sea-level view of our planet, and inspired him to do his bit to help preserve it. He left a career in maritime law to become a public speaker on environmental issues with his group, Polar Defence Project -- and of course to plan more astonishing swims and treks. In September 2008, Pugh and Robbie Hedgus kayaked across the Arctic Ocean into the polar ice pack, to raise awareness of the thinning sea ice and the dangers of climate change in the Arctic and across the world. And at the end of May 2010 he swam 1 kilometer across Pumori, a melt-water lake situated next to the Khumbu Glacier on Mount Everest, at an altitude of 5300 meters, to draw attention to the melting of the Asian glaciers. He completed the swim -- the highest any person has undertaken -- in less than 23 minutes. “Glaciers are not just ice: they are a lifeline, they provide water to 2 billion people, and we need to protect them,” he says.
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Steven Munatones

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Not only has Steven Munatones been involved in open water swimming for over 30 years as a coach, administrator and technician, but he has also competed and participated in this, the world’s oldest of all swimming events – swimming in the open water. In 1982, he was the world long distance swimming champion for the 25K. He did five unprecedented swims of over 30 kilometers in Asia and several professional marathon swims in Canada, Mexico and USA.


He has brought open water swimming to life on multiple websites with interesting topics including Open Water Swimming Dictionary, Half Century Club, Swim Your Age, Ocean’s Seven, Open Water Wednesday, Open Water Almanac, Openwaterpedia, World’s Top 100 Swims, America’s Top 50 Swims, World Swimming Majors and World Open Water Swimming Rankings. He created the International Marathon Swimming Hall of Fame website (www.imshof.org), The Daily News of Open Water Swimming (www.dailynewsopenwaterswimming.com), and www.10Kswim.com. In his passionate desire to showcase the sport and its enthusiasts of every age, ability and background, he is conducting the Global Open Water Swimming Conference in New York City in June of 2011 during the Around Manhattan Island Swim.

He served as the NBC Olympic 10K Marathon Swimming commentator at the 2008 Olympic Games and has written about the sport for NBC, Universal Sports, National Public Radio, USA Today, National Geographic, Swimming World Magazine, Triathlon Magazine, Australia Swimming, Competitor Magazine, U.S. Masters Swimming SWimmer Magazine and for many years wrote a monthly column on open water swimming for Swimming World Magazine. He has traveled to Brazil, Greece, Japan, China, Cayman Islands, Mexico, Canada, Fiji, United Arab Emirates, South Africa, Italy, Australia, Switzerland and all across the USA to cover, organize and promote open water swimming and its athletes.

Steven is the author of Open Water Swimming, published by Human Kinetics, a guide to prepare logistically, physically, and mentally for open water swims of all distances.

Steven is an inductee in the International Marathon Swimming Hall of Fame and currently serves on its Board of Directors. He is a representative on the FINA Technical Open Water Swimming Committee and a Technical Swimming Delegate for the Special Olympics 2011 World Games and an advisor to races in Brazil, Greece, Mexico, Japan, Cayman Islands and the USA. He has served as race director for Waikiki Roughwater Swim, USA Swimming National Championships and Pan Pacific Championships.
For the past 30 years, Dr. Bruce E. Becker has been studying the effects of the water and aquatic activities on people with disabilities, athletes and people recovering from injuries and ailments. His research underscores that when it comes to maximizing exercise and rehabilitative recovery, water exercise plays a valuable role. Dr. Becker’s research has found that simply being submerged in water up to the neck increases cardiac output by more than 30 percent in a sedentary individual. Sitting in water neck-deep, the hydrostatic pressure on the body increases cardiac volume by nearly one-third, increasing cardiac output by 32% at rest and proving that water exercise is aerobically efficient.

By combining physical medicine rationale and aquatic rehabilitation, Dr. Becker forms a scientific theory with set clinical procedures using water immersion for the restoration of physical mobility and physiologic activity.

For example, he has shown that the aquatic environment produces physiologic changes that help remove metabolic waste, improve cardiac function, lower blood pressure, and assist the body in tissue healing as well as aiding the circulatory, pulmonary and musculo-skeletal systems.

Dr. Becker’s school and university course work includes: Fargo Central High School (diploma) (1961); Iowa State University (BS) (1965); University of North Dakota (BS Medicine) (1967); Tulane University (Doctor of Medicine) (1969); U. of Washington (MS Rehabilitation Medicine) (1976) and Post Graduate Course at Ohio State University in Electrodiagnosis and Electromyography (1976). He has medical licensures in the states of Washington, Oregon, Michigan, Montana and Idaho. He has been associated with thirteen hospitals in three states. His academic affiliations include University of Oregon (Associate Professor) (1978-1985); U. of Washington (Dept. of Rehabilitation Medicine) (1985-2001); Wayne State University School of Medicine (1993-1997); Washington State University (2004-present). From 1970-1975, he served in the U.S. Military as a Medical Officer rising to the rank of Major. He has been listed Who’s Who in Aquatic Leadership by the U.S. Water Fitness Association and Aquatics International magazine. Since 1975, he has published over 91 publications, chapters, abstracts and research papers. He has delivered over 203 presentations at conferences and symposiums on topics including: “Biomechanics and Therapeutic Exercises in Water”, “Aquatic Therapy and the Amputee”, “Aquaphysiology: The Cardiovascular Benefits of Immersion”, “Aquatic Therapy: The Scientific Rationale” and “Biophysiologic Aspects of Hydrotherapy”.

While at Wayne State University in 1997, Dr. Becker along with Andrew Cole edited their first of three editions of Comprehensive Aquatic Therapy, a composite of research and innovation studies by researchers in the field. Becker has promoted the transfer of medical treatment efficiently into the community setting, building fitness and conditioning as a lifestyle and rebuilding the community pool into a health and wellness center integrated with the health care system.
It seems that Laurie Lawrence may have a touch of chlorine in the blood and was always destined to be a teacher and coach of swimming. As a young boy his father managed the Tobruk pool in Townsville, NSW. The family lived above the pool entrance where he was exposed to Australia’s dominance of International swimming when the Australian Olympic team trained there prior to the 1956 Olympic Games. In those early days he hunted and treasured autographs from Australian swimming legends Dawn Fraser, Jon Henricks, Murray Rose, Lorraine Crapp, David Thiele, and other Australian Olympians. Laurie fondly remembers giving his bed to Jon Henricks when the Lawrence family billeted Henricks during the 1956 Olympic training camp.

As a young man he left the pool to complete his studies a Diploma in Physical Education. He represented Australia in rugby before becoming a swimming teacher and coach. His quest for perfection saw his swimmers win world championships, break world records and win Olympic gold medals. He was Australia’s sports coach of the year and inducted into ISHOF as an Honor Coach in 1996. Since his first Olympic Games in 1984, he has been an integral part of the Australian Olympic team now through London in 1912, his eighth Games.

His passion for baby swimming began with the birth of his first daughter Jane in 1975. He purchased Virginia Hunt Newman’s book and the journey began. After seeing Jane’s success, he documented Kate, his next daughter’s progress on film. Emma his youngest continued the passion and research into baby swimming and now as young women Jane, Kate and Emma all work in the family business.

Emma and Laurie spent five years documenting and creating www.worldwideswimschool.com as a resource for swimming teachers all round the world with a particular emphasis on infant aquatics based on progressive skill development determined by the growth and development of the child. Laurie’s first grandchild, Evie, has inspired the creation of a newly released iphone, ipad app for swimming teachers and parents. This app will add to the three video Dads, three books, and online swimming teaching resources already created by Laurie.

His internationally acclaimed Water Safety Program “Kids Alive Do the Five” has seen drowning in Australia plummet from 63 in the year 2000 to 33 in 2010. His latest Kids Alive Water Safety DVD “Living with Water” has been done in conjunction with the Australian Government as a drowning prevention measure for children under five. It is being given to the parents of every newborn in Australia for four years as a drowning prevention measure. To date more than 800,000 DVDs have been distributed in Australia and he eagerly awaits Australia’s drowning statistics later in the year to judge the success of this latest project.
Robert E. Ogoreuc is an Assistant Professor in the Physical Education Department at Slippery Rock University where he also serves as Aquatic Director for the department overseeing the scheduling and operation of the lifeguards for academic classes. He served as the Head Men’s and Women’s Swimming Coach from 1991 to 2003. His teams recorded three undefeated seasons and produced numerous All-Americans. He earned the 1997 PSAC Men’s Coach of the Year.

He holds numerous certifications in the State of Pennsylvania, the American Red Cross WSI-IT and Lifeguard Instructor Trainer, YMCA Open Water Scuba Instructor, and NAUI certification. He has been the driving force in developing the curriculum for the Slippery Rock University Aquatic Minor. He was recognized with Aquatic International Magazine’s one of the 25 Most Powerful People in Aquatics, the AAHPERD’s National Honor Award and teaching awards at SRU. He has served on the Board of Directors to the National Water Safety Congress and the National Drowning Prevention Alliance. In 2002 he participated as a Scientific Diver for the Cambrian Foundations Commodore Project.

Robert has worked with the American Red Cross Water Safety Advisory Group that revised the Water Safety Instructor program in 2004, and served as Technical Reviewer for their Lifeguard Manuals. He has contributed to the United States Lifesaving Association, YMCA and StarGuard lifeguard textbooks and has made numerous presentations at the state, national and international conferences.

He also serves as the Training Officer for the Ocean City Beach Patrol in New Jersey responsible for training all new and recurrent lifeguards and the Ocean City Fire Department in surf rescue. He works as a liaison between government and public safety agencies. He has developed a statewide Surf Rescue Program that is sponsored by the New Jersey State Police.

Robert has published over 30 articles, given over 70 presentations, attended over 90 professional conferences and workshops and held 15 aquatic consulting positions.
John Spannuth
2011 ISHOF Service Award

For the past twelve months, John Spannuth has been organizing and formalizing advisory committees for the International Swimming Hall of Fame whose purposes are to serve and offer suggestions and improvements to ISHOF operations. With the help of his associate Marion Frega, John has formed 13 committees which include: Adapted Aquatics, Aquatic Programs for Wounded Warriors, Every Child a Swimmer, Education, Fund Raising (includes Special Events), Future Visions, Honoree Alumni Committee, Library, Museum (includes Memorabilia, Public Relations, Security, International, and Constitution and By-Laws.

He has played an active role on each committee by choosing each committee’s chairperson and helping to organize an agenda.

John has been associated with the International Swimming Hall of Fame from its first year in 1965. He has been involved in aquatics for over 50 years in many capacities, currently as CEO of United States Water Fitness Association.

From his first, full-time job in aquatics in 1956 as Aquatics Director of Reading, PA, YMCA, he has developed outstanding programs. He has been the Aquatics Director and Head Swimming coach for Phillips Petroleum Co. in Bartlesville, Oklahoma where in seven years he developed one of the best age group swim teams in the country. He was the National Aquatics Administrator for the AAU where, on a national level, he guided all four disciplines plus long distance and Masters swimming. He was the International Director of the Special Olympics in Washington D.C. where he guided the growth of Special Olympics for Eunice Shriver and helped to build it into an internationally recognized program for persons with mental disabilities. He served four years in the Middle East as Aquatics, Sports and Recreation Administrator in Bahrain and Saudi Arabia, while teaching swimming on all levels, including competitive swimming, to native children of the region.

John, is the creator and founder of many innovative programs and conferences including: The World Swimming Coaches Clinic 1969, which has grown into the largest international coaches conferences in the world and is run by the American Swimming Coaches Association; Masters Swimming (1970) where he implemented Ransom Arthur’s ideas and decrees to begin a competitive fitness program for adults; Masters Synchronized Swimming (1975); National YMCA Masters Aquatics Championship (1976); Water Walking as a program (1986), which began a water fitness program for individuals who were not great swimmers or who needed water therapy work; National Aquatics Director Certification (1996); National Programs Awards (recognizing the top programs in the country), Top Water Fitness Programs (1990), Top Aquatic Programs (1997); Who’s Who in the Country Aquatics(1997) and Water Exercise (1998); and National and State leadership Awards (1990)

Other national leadership positions have included: Chairperson of the 1998 National Aquatics Summit; President of the American Swimming Coaches Association; Member of the Board of Directors, International Swimming Hall of Fame; NRPA Aquatics Council; Charter member of the AAHPERD Aquatics Council (1968); Chairperson of the National Forum for the Advancement Of Aquatics; Advisory Board, Disability International Foundation.

He has lectured extensively in Egypt, Brazil, South Africa, Canada, Germany and throughout the United States at conferences for over 20 organizations. As the CEO of U. S. Water Fitness, Inc. he has set the guidelines which have developed this organization to be the authority in developing and maintaining standards from which to teach water aerobics and fitness on a recreational level. Our thanks go out to John for his dedication to ISHOF and his commitment toward keeping it strong.
USA Diving salutes the International Swimming Hall of Fame inductees

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Rich Abrahams (USA)  
2011 Honor Swimmer  

INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS: World Points-717; Pre-1986 points-0, Total Points-717; Since 1985, he has competed in eight age groups (30-34 through 65-69); 37 FINA MASTERS WORLD RECORDS.

Just shy of his 30th birthday, Rich Abrahams entered his first Masters meet in 1974. Two years later, he swam in his first USMS National Championships and ten years after his first meet, Rich set his first National record, in the 50 free. His first Masters World Record came in the 45-49 age group at the 1990 World Championships in Rio de Janerio. Aging up to the 50-54 age group, Rich beat his 45-49 world record. To date, Rich has set 37 FINA Masters World Records and won ten gold medals in three FINA Masters World Championships.

Rich Abrahams continues to amaze the world of Masters Swimming and if you ask his fans, friends and opponents he’s just getting started.
Peter “Crazy Pete” DiCroce (USA)
2011 Honor Diver

INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS: 1992 FINA MASTERS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: bronze (1m, 3m, tower); 1994 FINA MASTERS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: bronze (1m, 3 m), 4th place (tower); 1994 WORLD MASTERS GAMES: gold (1m, 3m, tower); 1998 WORLD MASTERS GAMES: gold (1m, tower), silver (3m); 2002 WORLD MASTERS GAMES: gold (tower, team synchro), silver (1m, 3m); 2005 WORLD MASTERS GAMES: gold (1m, tower), silver (3m, synchro); 2009 WORLD MASTERS GAMES: gold (tower, 3m synchro), silver (1m), bronze (3m); 5 WORLD RECORDS; SINCE 1991 HE HAS COMPETED IN SIX AGE GROUPS: 45-49 thru 70-74; COMPETED IN 39 U.S. MASTERS NATIONAL DIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS: 39 gold, 51 silver, 19 bronze medals (individual), five gold, five silver and two bronze (synchronized diving); five NATIONAL RECORDS IN SPRINGBOARD AND TOWER DIVING (INDIVIDUAL AND SYNCHRONIZED).

Pete DiCroce has been diving since 1953. At the age of 14, he began competing in the YMCA Nationals where he was winning gold medals in the one-meter competition.

Over the next six decades, Pete continued diving and has participated at the highest levels of Masters Diving in many different competitions across the globe. He has competed in six different age groups: 45-49 through 70-74. At the 1992 FINA Masters World Championships he won bronze medals in the one and three meter as well as the tower events. In the 1994 FINA Championships, he won the bronze again on the one and three meter, placing fourth in the tower. He has participated in the 1994, 1998, 2002, 2005 and 2009 World Masters Games, winning a total of eleven gold, six silver and one bronze medals.

DiCroce has five World Records and has competed in 39 U.S. Masters National Diving Championships, winning 39 gold, 51 silver and 19 bronze medals, individually. He also competed in synchronized diving at the Masters Nationals, winning five gold, five silver and two bronze medals.

Pete says he is motivated by his desire to continually challenge himself by including the most difficult dives in his competitive repertoire, while maintaining the highest degree of difficulty for his age group.

Anyone who knows Pete and his zest for life, would know he also enjoys comedy diving and was presented with the Comedy Diving Award at the 2000 Olympic Diving Festival. He has won the most Masters Comedy Diving competitions in the U.S., while also enjoying a nine year platform-winning streak in all competitions from 1995-2003.

Peter DiCroce has been an inspirational figure in the world of diving on a local, national and international level. He trains daily at his local pool in Plantation, Florida and encourages the youngsters that are just starting out in the sport of diving to love his sport.
INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS: World Points- 628, Pre-1986 points- 23, Total Points- 651; Since 1981, he has competed in seven age groups (40-44 through 70-74); 27 FINA MASTERS WORLD RECORDS.

No man ever overcame a greater handicap to make the U.S. Olympic swimming team than Jeff Farrell. His story is one of the most inspirational in Olympic history and a classic example of determination.

After the Rome Olympic Games, Jeff left swimming and lived abroad for the next 20 years. He returned to the USA in 1980, to swimming in 1981 and picked up where he left off - as a champion. Inspired by a friend to get back in the water, coach Judy Bonning took Jeff’s natural talents into the modern age of swimming. Re-learning how to start, turn and train have helped him achieve Top ten rankings in 19 of the last 30 years. He has set 27 FINA Masters World Records mostly in freestyle events but also in the I.M., butterfly and one in the breaststroke.

Though he is now over 50 years removed from his Olympic medals, Jeff has barely slowed down and is currently dominating the 70-74 age group on the Masters circuit.

In 1960, Farrell’s best time in the 50 yard freestyle was 22.5. His 70-74 age group national record in the same event is 24.1. Essentially, Farrell has maintained his speed and defied, or at least slowed the aging process, showing a loss of just three one hundredths of second a year. Equally astounding and a testament to the benefits of Masters Swimming is the photo that appeared in last year’s ESPN Magazine’s Body Issue, featuring Farrell.

Six years ago, Jeff underwent open-heart surgery and he now has a bovine valve (yes, from a cow) implanted in his heart, but not even that could slow him down. He did not swim for six months after the surgery because he promised his wife he would not.

“She realized how miserable I was and let me swim again,” says Jeff.

Jeff Farrell has never let anything stop him. And that’s what has always made him an inspiration.
INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS: World Points-928, Pre-1986 Points-0. Total Points- 928. Since 1986, she has competed in five age groups (25-29 thru 45-49); 28 FINA MASTERS WORLD RECORDS

Lynn Marshall began swimming competitively at age ten with the Manitoba Marlins Swim Club. She has swum competitively pretty much ever since, aside from time off here and there for travelling and injuries. Lynn has always been a freestyler but was considered a sprinter until her last year of University. It was there, she really had to admit she was a distance swimmer.

She heard about Masters swimming from friends, while living in Manchester, where she was earning her Ph.D. She began swimming Masters at age 25 and is still going strong today, competing in the 45-49 age group.

In addition to holding 28 FINA Masters World Records, Lynn has been ranked in the top ten in every year of her 23 years competing in Masters swimming. In world rankings since 1986, she has 18 number one, ten number two and 22 number three long course, 51 number one, 55 number two and 36 number three short course world rankings for a total of 69 number one, 65 number two and 58 number three total world rankings in the freestyle, butterfly, backstroke and I.M.

Lynn also swims in open water events and was the first overall, ahead of everyone including the men, at the Masters 5K championships in 1992 in Indianapolis. She was the first woman overall in the 5K championships in Sheffield in 1996.

Lynn says Masters Swimming has kept her fit and busy for many years. She has been able to do a lot of travelling thanks to Masters swimming, but has come to enjoy the smaller meets much more than the larger ones, although that certainly doesn’t preclude travelling. Setting swimming goals has allowed her to get back in shape after many injuries. “And of course, there are all the wonderful people that I’ve met through Masters swimming over the years!”
INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS: World Points-934, Pre-1986 Points-0, Total Points-934. Since 1991, she has competed in five age groups (50-54 thru 70-74); 33 FINA MASTERS WORLD RECORDS

Christel Schulz was born in Rathenow, Germany, about 90 km from Berlin in 1940. She grew up around lakes, where she learned to swim.

Once she began school, coaches began to notice her at a local school swimming competition and asked her to join their club team, BSG (Betriebssportgemeinschaft) Rathenow.

Christel Schulz joined the East German National Team in 1954 when an international youth exchange was held between the DDR and Romania. She continued to excel and competed in 45 international competitions, the pinnacle being the 1960 Olympic Games, where she won a bronze medal in the 100 meter freestyle event.

She was forced to end her career in 1963 when the Berlin wall went up and split up her family; her sisters lived in West Germany and she in East Germany.

When East and West Germany were reunited in 1990, Christel learned of Masters Swimming and was able to once more go back to the sport that she loved so much.

At age 55, she broke the world record in the 50 meter freestyle and then competed in her first World Championships in 1996 in Sheffield, England, where she came home with a silver and a bronze medal. She continued to compete in Masters World Championships during 2000, 2002, 2004, 2006, 2008 and 2010.

All totaled, Christel Schulz has won 23 World Championship titles and has 35 world records (23 long course and 12 short course) in four age groups. She has also competed in six European Championships with 20 titles and has 103 European records.

Christel’s love and passion belongs to swimming, her family and her country, Germany. She says “I swim because I love it and because even at a higher age you can still improve and reach goals you never thought you could!”

He began swimming competitively in high school, was captain of the high school’s water polo team and narrowly missed making Australia’s 1956 Olympic team. Unfortunately, a car accident that injured his left knee put an end to his Olympic dreams. But as soon as he was able, he was back in the water.

Gary Stutsel continued swimming casually once or twice a week through his 20’s and mid 30’s. Then in 1974, a group of Masters swimmers from the United States came to Sydney to compete with Australian swimmers at distances of 50 to 400 meters in adult age groups. Gary was very impressed and as time went on, Gary became instrumental in organizing Masters Swimming in Australia, creating an organizational structure, drafting a constitution and working with U.S. counterpart and ISHOF Honoree, June Krauser. He was also appointed the first national secretary (executive director) and proved to be a leading figure in establishing Masters Swimming in Australia.

On an international level, he organized and directed the first Pan Pac Masters Swimming Championships in Sydney, 1981, and chaired the International Masters Swimming Forum in 1981 and 1983. In 1983, he co-founded Masters Swimming International (MSI) drafting the constitutions of 1983, 1985 and 1990. He served as MSI President from 1983-1995 (elected nine times) and was one of the six on the FINA/MSI Masters Commission which met in 1985 to draft the Pasadena Agreement to establish joint FINA/MSI World Masters Championships. From 1986-1988, he was the chair of the first FINA Masters Committee.

Over the years, he has coordinated the drafting of international rules for FINA Masters Swimming, Water Polo and Diving, has chaired Jury of Appeal for Pan Pacific Masters Championships, and FINA/MSI World Championships, realigned MSA Swimming rules to match FINA rules and served as referee or technical director at the 2002 World Gay Games, 1986, 1988, 1990 and 2008 World Masters Championships, 2009 World Masters Games and 1983 and the 1989 Pan Pacific Masters Championships. He is the chair of the MSA Technical Committee (2003-present) and serves on numerous NSW committees.

Gary suffered a heart attack in 1996. Despite his heart and knee problems, he got back in the water and currently holds ten Australian records and six relay records. In 2010, he had 34 listings in the National top ten (13 firsts, ten seconds, five thirds, four fourths and two fifths.)
INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS: 1989 MASTERS WORLD GAMES: silver (1m), bronze (3m, tower); 1990 FINA MASTERS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: gold (1m, 3m), silver (tower); 1992 FINA MASTERS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: gold (1m), silver (3m), 4th (tower); 1994 FINA MASTERS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: gold (1m), silver (3m), 4th (tower); 1996 FINA MASTERS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: gold (1m, 4m, tower); 2000 FINA MASTERS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP: silver (3m, tower), 4th (1m); 2002 FINA MASTERS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP: 4th (1m, 3m); 2004 FINA MASTERS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: gold (1m), silver (3m, tower); 2006 FINA MASTERS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: gold (1m), bronze (3m), 4th (tower); MEMBER FINA MASTERS COMMITTEE.

Grunde Vegard recalls it was only plain diving and that they could only practice in the months of June, July and August. The year was 1942. He remembers mostly the cold and the men of war.

In 1951, a friend asked him to take part in the regional championships and he agreed. Ten days later, after he had learned eight dives in that short amount of time, he won two bronze medals. Vegard says: “And it was done. I have been hooked ever since.” The team had no coach, so Grunde took on the task. To keep fit in the off season, a long eight to nine months, the divers did gymnastics. Finally in 1976, they got their first indoor pool so they no longer had to stretch summer from May to September in the cold Norwegian air. Since then, he has coached his divers in four Olympic Games, 1968 Mexico City, 1972 Munich, 1976 Montreal and 1984 Los Angeles. He gave up coaching in 2008.

Grunde began diving Masters in 1989. He has won 27 Norwegian Championships over a period of 20 years. He has taken part in 11 European Championships and has 20 gold, six silver, and two bronze medals. He has competed in 11 World Masters Diving Championships, winning 12 gold, seven silver and six bronze medals.

In addition to his career as an athlete and coach, Grunde Vegard has been an International and Olympic judge; Member of the Board of the Norwegian Swimming Federation, 1958-1975; President of the World Diving Coaches Association 1972-1984; Member of the LEN Masters Committee, 1998 to present and is currently a member of FINA beginning in 2004.

Grunde Vegard has had a wonderful career as an athlete and has given back to the sport of diving along the way.
Criteria:
Masters athletes must have competed for a minimum of 16 years, spanning four five-year age groups. The minimum age requirement for beginning consideration is 25 years of age (as established by FINA).

Approximately nine inductees shall be selected annually. Representation shall be proportionate to each discipline’s numbers of participants worldwide: three female swimmers, three male swimmers and three divers, synchronized swimmers, water polo players or contributors.

The Selection Committee comprised of international authorities in the sport, receives and considers nominees. A balloting process is used to finalize those selected for induction.

A point ranking system has been devised for the swimming discipline only:

World Rankings-Fina Masters since 1986
1st Place - 5 points
2nd Place - 3 points
3rd Place - 1 point

World Records-Fina Masters since 1986, Long Course Meters & Short Course Meters
Each World Record-10 points

World Championships-Fina Masters since 1986
1st Place Gold - 3 points
2nd Place Silver - 2 points
3rd Place Bronze - 1 point

USMS Rankings-From 1972-1985
(Serious competition took place in the USA prior to FINA involvement)
1st Place - 5 points
2nd Place - 3 points
3rd Place - 1 point

Selection Committee:

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Lundgaard, Ulla (DEN)  Whitten, Phil (USA)
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2003
Ransom Arthur  (USA)  Honor Contributor
Jayne Bruner  (USA)  Honor Swimmer
Barbara Dunbar  (USA)  Honor Swimmer
Patty Robinson Fulton  (USA)  Honor Diver
Tim Garton  (USA)  Honor Swimmer
Peg Hogan  (USA)  Honor Synchronized Swimmer
Graham Johnston  (USA)  Honor Swimmer
June Krauser  (USA)  Honor Swimmer
G. Harold “Gus” Langner (USA)  Honor Swimmer
Kelley Lemmon  (USA)  Honor Swimmer
Maxine Merlino  (USA)  Honor Swimmer
Ardeth Mueller  (USA)  Honor Swimmer
Gail Roper  (USA)  Honor Swimmer
Ray Taft  (USA)  Honor Swimmer
Clara Lamore Walker  (USA)  Honor Swimmer

2004
Jane Asher  (GBR)  Honor Swimmer
Aldo da Rosa  (USA)  Honor Swimmer
Mike Garibaldi  (USA)  Honor Water Polo Player
Paul Hutinger  (USA)  Honor Swimmer
Vi Hartmann Cady Krahn  (USA)  Honor Swimmer
Yoshiko Osaki  (JPN)  Honor Diver
Frank Piemme  (USA)  Honor Swimmer
Laura Val  (USA)  Honor Swimmer
Louise Wing  (USA)  Honor Synchronized Swimmer

2005
Flora Connolly  (GBR)  Honor Swimmer
John Deininger  (USA)  Honor Diver
Burwell Jones  (USA)  Honor Swimmer
Betsy Jordan  (USA)  Honor Swimmer
William McAlister  (USA)  Honor Diver
Sandy Neilson-Bell  (USA)  Honor Swimmer
Tod Spieker  (USA)  Honor Swimmer
Richard Reinstaedtler  (GER)  Honor Swimmer
Phil Whitten  (USA)  Honor Contributor

2006
Drury Gallagher  (USA)  Honor Swimmer
Yoshihiko Osaki  (JPN)  Honor Contributor
Katherine Pelton  (USA)  Honor Swimmer
Walter Pfeiffer  (USA)  Honor Swimmer
Rita Simonton  (USA)  Honor Swimmer
William Specht  (USA)  Honor Swimmer
Dr. Floyd Stauffer  (USA)  Honor Diver
Lavelle Stoinoff  (USA)  Honor Swimmer
Nancy Hunt Weiman  (USA)  Honor Synchronized Swimmer

2007
Woodrow Bowersock  (USA)  Honor Swimmer
Jean Durston  (USA)  Honor Swimmer
Carol Fitzsimmons  (CAN)  Honor Synchronized Swimmer
Sandy Galletly  (USA / GBR)  Honor Swimmer
Tom Hairabedian  (USA)  Honor Diver
Suzanne Heim-Bowen  (USA)  Honor Open Water Swimmer
Ron Johnson  (USA)  Honor Swimmer
Karlyn Pipes-Neilsen  (USA)  Honor Swimmer
Judy Wilson  (GBR)  Honor Swimmer

2008
Ibone Belausteguiotia  (MEX)  Honor Diver
Russell Hafferkamp  (USA)  Honor Water Polo Player
Maria Lenk  (BRA/USA)  Honor Swimmer
Jim McConica  (USA)  Honor Swimmer
Robert Strand  (USA)  Honor Swimmer
Willy van Rysel  (GBR)  Honor Swimmer

2009
Karl Hauer  (GER)  Honor Swimmer
Margery Meyer  (USA)  Honor Swimmer
Keijiro Nakamura  (JPN)  Honor Swimmer
Gertrud Zint  (USA)  Honor Swimmer

2010
Andrew “Andy” Burke  (USA)  Honor Contributor
Richard Burns  (USA)  Honor Swimmer
John Conner  (USA)  Honor Diver
Lois Kivi Nochman  (USA)  Honor Swimmer
Bonnie Prank  (CAN)  Honor Swimmer
Barry Young  (NZL)  Honor Swimmer

2011
Richard Abrahams  (USA)  Honor Swimmer
Peter DiCroce  (USA)  Honor Diver
Jeff Farrell  (USA)  Honor Swimmer
Lynn Marshall  (CAN)  Honor Swimmer
Christel Schulz  (GER)  Honor Swimmer
Gary Stutsel  (AUS)  Honor Swimmer
Grunde Vegard  (NOR)  Honor Contributor

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We arrived in Beijing on July 14th - hand carrying over $200,000 worth of Olympic medals, from Emil Rausch’s 1904 Olympic participation medal – the most rare and valuable medal in our collection – to Aaron Peirsol’s 2008 Olympic Gold medal for the 100M backstroke. Other, more cumbersome artifacts of an even greater value had been shipped earlier. Upon arrival, we were taken to the Magnolia Natatorium, one of three pools used for the championships, which served as the location of the exhibition. There we met with staff from the Shanghai Sports Administration (SSA) and Shanghai Sports Museum (SSM), with whom we had been working on this project for over a year, and placed the artifacts that we hand carried into the displays. We also reviewed the exhibit boards for accuracy.
On the morning of the 16th, the SSA conducted an opening ceremony for our exhibition, which was truly unprecedented in ISHOF history. I was one of 8 individuals introduced to a large crowd of media and spectators, including the Vice-Mayor of Shanghai, President of the SSA, Julio Maglioni (President of FINA), Cornel Marculescu (Executive Director of FINA) and other prominent politicians and members of the World Championship Organizing Committee. Behind us stood members of the FINA Bureau and other major dignitaries. The ceremonies included a really amazing performance by school children and then a red-carpet tour of the exhibition—all of which you can see in the video I’ve previously sent to you. By the close of the Championships, over 30,000 people had visited the exhibition.
The exhibition was so successful from the local organizing committee’s perspective that together we negotiated and signed a mutual agreement for cooperation and assistance with the Shanghai Sports Museum — that also turned into an official ceremony and press conference.

For our part, we donated several items from our exhibition (6 replica Olympic medals and 4 antique bathing costumes of which we also had duplicates) and they provided us with several pieces of Chinese Swimming history, templates of the exhibits and we designated two of their directors as official consultants to ISHOF. Although this ceremony and press conference was held during Swimming preliminaries, it was attended by most of the Chinese media outlets, several Chinese Olympic heroes, ISHOF Board Member and FINA Honorary Member Eldon Godfrey, FINA Honorary Member Guillermo Martinez (Cuba), FINA Bureau Members Tamas Gyarfas (HUN) and Dr. Margo Mountjoy (CAN). Unfortunately, FINA’s past president Mustapha Larlaoui, was caught in traffic, but did show his support by arriving a few minutes after the event concluded – a significant show of support.
One Hundred Years of Swimwear

Public swimming attire one-hundred years ago conformed to societal concepts of public decency, morality and modesty. The evolution of swimwear from Bloomers to Bikinis metaphorically illustrates the gradual permissive shift in these attitudes.

The Jantzen "Diving Girl" appeared in 1921 and Jantzen was one of the first to use the word "swimming" in connection with water sports for women. This famous suit guaranteed a perfect fit from patented features and stretch wool fabric of the highest quality that gave unsurpassed freedom of movement to the wearer. Matching hat and stockings gave it a fashion.

Fashion and materials changed after WWI. This painting (left) by James Montgomery Flagg:

Swim in a Jantzen

The suit that changed bathing to swimming.

Boys "Pacific coast style" woolen tank suit.

Mark Twain, shown wearing a Spalding two piece bathing suit, quarter sleeve, fine quality worsted wool with striping on the shirt and pants. Retail price in 1911: $3.75

For every woman within reach of the water and also she who is more remote and plans to spend a generous portion of her summer at the shore. As an expedition to the shore means of course going in the surf, a bathing suit must be provided. It must be both smart and attractive and must follow the lines of the figure quite as carefully as does the tailored suit worn in town.
Jantzen Swimwear in the 1930's
as worn by Ronald "Dutch" Reagan

1931 Jantzen Speedaire
The "Y" back Speedaire was a favorite of active swimmers. It was designed to leave the arms and back unhampered. Made by Jantzen from 1931 through 1942 it was a favorite of swim teams and swimming champions. 100% pure virgin wool.

1933 Jantzen Gymmie
The Gymmie was designed to be worn with or without trunks. It was extremely lightweight and ideal for wearing under trunks as dictated by the mores of the day which required men's chests to be covered on public beaches. Wool and Lastex. $4.50

1937 Jantzen Trunks Style 220
A white worsted belt with the Jantzen's iconic Diving Girl on the buckle provided adjustment and matched her trademark on this deluxe suit of the day. It is styled with simulated rope side stripes and tailored in fly. Wool and Lastex.

1942 Jantzen Daisy Chain
Chains of daisies are delightfully printed on this Jantzen sheath of Sharkay with Lastex. Soft and light, it was described as "a suit for sun, swim, play and fun". Delicate bra shirring gives this bright red combo a feminine look while vertical panels slim the figure. It retailed for $8.95.

1929 Jantzen Speed Suit
The Speed Suit was produced from 1926 through 1935 and was designed for active swimmers. It was worn at the 1928 Olympic Games by the U.S. team and other teams. Ronald Reagan wore this style as a lifeguard at Lowell Park, Illinois. 100% pure virgin wool.
Mabs of Hollywood

Knitted wool swimsuits were eased into history in the mid 1930s when California swimsuit maker Mabs of Hollywood began to fashion swimwear from Lastex, a woven satin finish elastic and silk material first used for girdle manufacture. Mabs Barnes made sure of her success by making suits for Hollywood stars Joan Crawford, Loretta Young, and Jean Harlow. When Marlene Dietrich wanted one too and went into Bullocks department store to order a dozen in every color, the day of the knitted suit came to an abrupt end. In the 1940’s & 1950’s, Mabs suits were favored by both Olympic divers, like Vicki Draves (pictured) and beauty pageant contestants like Penny Wong (pictured).

1948 Mabs of Hollywood blue Bamboo One-Piece worn by Penny Wong in the first Miss San Francisco Chinatown bathing beauty contest. During this era, the Miss America contest was restricted to “women of the white race.” Organized by the Chinese Benevolent Association, the contest demonstrated that Asian girls were not only beautiful, but were assimilated Americans.


Olympic diving great Vicki Draves. Her favorite suit was a Mabs.
Where the Boys Are 1961
History of Spring Break

Jantzen Check Her Out
This swim suit from the Game Gingham group was a favorite of co-eds from around the nation. The bra and trunk are trimmed with ribbon-laced eyelid. 100% cotton $15

Jantzen Hawaiian Villager Men's Boxer and Jacket
This men's ensemble was worn by prominent sports figures that belonged to Jantzen's International Sports Club. National ads appeared in the New Yorker and Sports Illustrated with the slogan "Sportswear for Sportsmen." This batik print in brown combo was a match mate to women's and children's suits. 100% cotton

Jantzen Hawaiian Villager
This shirred sheath with elongated V-torso was part of the Hawaiian Villager group and designed as a print for the entire family. A batik print in brown combo, there were sizes and designs to fit everyone including adults and children. 100% cotton $10.95

Jantzen Checkmate
Jantzen's giant check two-piece with self fabric piping is considered a bashful bikini by U.S. standards. More conservative than its European counterpart this was a perfect bikini for "girls who wanted to try them but were too shy to buy them." 100% cotton Gingham $12.95
With the help of Perry Ellis, International and Jantzen archivist, Carol Alhadeff, ISHOF documented the evolution of swimwear in the 20th Century. The first half of the century witnessed a permissive relaxation of moral attitudes, taking women’s swimwear from full-body covering bloomers to one-piece suits that fully revealed the female shape and form. The evolution of the second half of the century was no less dramatic. Like Mabs Banres, Jantzen designers pushed the envelope of the older generations idea of public decency in an effort to reveal more skin, making the bathing experience ever more sensual.

This light green low-cut suit with side openings was modeled in Jantzen ads by Marilyn Monroe in 1949.

The mono-kini of the late 1970’s was technically a one-piece.

Red lastex suit was modeled by Jayne Russell in the early 1950s.

The Jantzen bikini of the 1980s.
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The Early Years

The City of Fort Lauderdale is named after fortifications built by Major William Lauderdale during the Second Seminole War in 1838, one of which was built on the beach at the site of today’s Bahia Mar. The forts were abandoned in 1842 and the area remained virtually unpopulated until the Federal Government built a House of Refuge for shipwreck victims at the site of today’s D.C. Alexander Park, in 1876.

With the coming of the Florida East Coast Railroad in the mid 1890’s, organized development began and the City was incorporated in 1911.
The Early Years

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A public gathering on the beach utilizing the latest audio equipment.

Local bathing beauties enjoy the beach in front of the first beach Casino (a bathhouse where beachgoers could change from street to bathing clothes). The Casino was located on the site of today’s D.C. Alexander Park. Circa 1915

The City’s major development began with the real estate sales boom of the 1920s. In the five years from 1920 to 1925, the population grew from two thousand to over fifteen thousand.

Promotion of the new Croissant Park development in 1925 included a beauty contest on the beach, featuring “modern” young women.

Located in front of the Casino, the Civitan Raft was a popular beach attraction.
The Las Olas Casino Pool

Programme
Dedication Meet
UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE
FT. LAUDERDALE SWIMMING ASSN
Las Olas Casino
A Sanitary Pool - in - A Safe Beach
Sunday, January 29, 1928
2.30 P. M.

OFFICIALS
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Referee-W. H. Cooling


Awarded - H. M. Harcourt
Photographer - H. M. Harcourt

Aerial view of the Casino Pool, looking north. Circa 1928

In 1926, one of the worst hurricanes on record sucker-punched Broward County, killing an estimated 325 people and prompting Fort Lauderdale’s mayor to declare martial law. It also paved the way for the city to embrace the idea of Commodore Aylen Harcourt Brook, who believed promoting swimming and the building of a “concrete pond” would fuel the ailing local economy and help revitalize the area.

Program from the Dedication Ceremony and first swimming meet at the Casino Pool, organized by the Fort Lauderdale Swimming Association.

The Spanish-Moorish style architecture made the Casino Pool a south Florida landmark, whose motto was, “A Sanitary Pool on a Safe Beach.”

Women’s meets were particularly popular.

The Fort Lauderdale Swimming Association, under the leadership of coach/pool manager Al Gordon became nationally known.
The Fort Lauderdale *Sentinel* supported the idea of a bond issue, and on June 28, 1927, proclaimed: “With such a bath house, our excellent beach, now notably popular, will become far more popular and a genuine attraction in drawing visitors to this city, both summer and winter.”

Estimated to cost $90,000 dollars and criticized for costing over $130,000, the Las Olas Casino came to be considered one of the City’s best ever investments.
The Civil Rights Era

Although the rest of the south had imposed a rigid system of segregation in the late 1800’s, that wasn’t the rule in Fort Lauderdale, where the pioneer families, Black and White, knew each other by their first names.

But as the population and land values soared and tourism became important, community leaders decided it was bad for business to mingle the races. So, in 1927, a strict system of racial apartheid was implemented. Black folks were told to confine their ocean bathing to the rocky, weed strewn northern end of city limits near present day Oakland Park Blvd. When that land was sold to the developers of the Galt Ocean Mile, in the early 1950’s, Black bathers were displaced again.

Black residents of Fort Lauderdale on the designated “Colored Beach” now known as John Lloyd State Park.

Black citizens had to board a ferry, known as “The Jungle Queen” across the Intracoastal Waterway to get to the new segregated beach.

Children enjoying the refreshingly cool water of the Sunland Park Swimming Pool.

A diver celebrates the opening of the segregated Sunland Park Swimming Pool in 1954.
In this August 7, 1961 photograph, Fort Lauderdale police confront Black protesters who were determined to exert their right to swim. White beachgoers look on as Black residents swim and settle on the sand in front of them. Ironically, the advertisement on the back of the bench promotes the “fastest possible” way to dark skin.

Four members of the First Dillard H.S. Swimming Team, left to right: Lewis Tunnage, Billy Tukes, Norman Cromartie, and Robert Strong. Frank Scruggs was the coach.

In an effort to appease the Black community and to comply with the “separate but equal” system of segregation — and to keep Black people from “destroying the tourist business” — the City built a “Colored Pool” in Sunland Park and designated the remote beachfront property south of Port Everglades, in Dania, as the city’s “Colored Beach.” The only access to the beach was by ferry, but a road was promised in the future.

In 1958, Dr. Von D. Mizell and Eula Bandy Johnson, local NAACP president, led a march of Black residents to Las Olas, near the White Beach, demanding that a road be built to the “Colored Beach,” but still no road was built. This set the stage for the famous wade-in of July 4, 1961. Although there were threats, name-calling and minor scuffles erupted, the non-violent protests continued until a federal judge ruled against the city’s segregated public accommodations policy in 1963, saying Black residents had the right to swim wherever they pleased. Eventually, the beach was integrated and in 1970, the “Colored Beach” became John L. Lloyd State Park.

Marcellous Boyd Wilcox never lost a race from age 4-16.
In December of 1935, the Collegiate Swimming Coaches Association organized their first Aquatic Forum. One of the attendees at this sparsely attended event in New York City was Fort Lauderdale’s coach and pool manager, Al Gordon, who suggested that if the next Forum were held in this city, with its weather and 55 yard pool, it would be better attended. To almost everyone’s surprise, except Gordon, the 2nd Forum attracted the coaches and over 400 swimmers from many of the top swimming powerhouses and many of the swimmers returned with their friends for Spring Break. In today’s jargon, Spring Break in Fort Lauderdale went viral.

In March of 1961, 90 days after the premiere of “Where the Boys Are” over 50,000 college students invaded the City, overwhelming the 80,000 local residents.
By the late 1950’s the major media outlets of the period; *Life Magazine*, *Time Magazine* and *Look Magazine* had begun to report on the mass migration of college students in March to the beaches of Florida. A coed interviewed by *Time Magazine* explained that she had come to Fort Lauderdale because “this is where the boys are.”

A Michigan State English professor, Glendon Swarthout, wrote a comic novel about the “coming of age” of four collegiate girls during spring vacation titled “Where The Boys Are.” The novel was optioned by MGM and production began immediately on location in Fort Lauderdale.

By the mid 1980s, Spring Break Fort Lauderdale was attracting a raucous crowd of over 300,000 college students who so overwhelmed the city that the local government passed laws restricting parties and behavior, thus driving the party to other cities.
The International Swimming Hall of Fame

In November of 1961, the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) of the United States issued a request for proposals from cities interested in hosting a National Swimming Hall of Fame. Fort Lauderdale saw this as an opportunity to replace the aging Casino Pool and to create “the cultural asset of a museum that marks one of the great traditions of our city.”

In early 1962, Mayor Burry, after consulting with Florida’s Governor, Farris Bryant, created the “Mayor’s Swimmers’ Hall of Fame Citizens Committee” which included the entire City Commission and 30 civic leaders. On November 9, 1962, the City Commission unanimously approved:

A RESOLUTION INDICATING THAT THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE IS INTERESTED IN ESTABLISHING THE FACILITY KNOWN AS “THE SWIMMING HALL OF FAME” IN THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE AND IS IN A POSITION TO PRESENT ITS PLANS THEREFOR.

On November 27th, 1962, the AAU unanimously selected Fort Lauderdale’s bid over the bids of Houston and Louisville.
Souvenir Program from the dedication meet in 1965.

Water from the seven seas of the world was symbolically added to the Hall of Fame Pool. Here Admiral Christopher adds water obtained from the Indian Ocean by the U.S. submarine “Nautilus”.

The Hall of Fame Pool was the finest competitive swimming facility of its kind on the East Coast.

The events were televised nationally on the CBS Sports Spectacular.

When the museum opened in 1968, the Swimming Hall of Fame was officially recognized as an “International Swimming Hall of Fame” by the 105-nation FINA Congress at the 1968 Olympics in Mexico City.

Watershows, featuring comedy and high diving acts, continued to be a major attraction into the early 1990’s.

Don Seiler’s iconic “swimmer” a gift of the Goodwin Foundation.
A New International Swimming Hall of Fame

The success of the International Swimming Hall of Fame as a driver of economic development did not go unnoticed by other cities. By the mid 1980’s, as other cities emulated our example and as new standards were developed, the city realized it was time to upgrade and renovate the entire complex.

After two years of construction, the newly renovated facility opened in August of 1991, to host the USA Swimming National Championships with two new World Records set.

Over the years the International Swimming Hall of Fame (ISHOF) Aquatic Complex has been one of the City’s primary attractions by drawing national and international media attention through its competitions, exhibitions, conferences and the unique one-of-a-kind Museum that has brought Presidents, Senators, Princes and celebrities to this city for almost fifty years.
The International Swimming Hall of Fame’s Annual Ocean Mile Swim has been a mainstay for some 40 plus years.

The Fort Lauderdale Air and Sea Shows brought Spring Break like crowds back to the beach.

The Hall of Fame complex is at the center of Fort Lauderdale’s Annual International Boat Show.

The Great American Beach Party with Connie Francis
Esther Williams Turned 90 on August 8th 2011. She was born in Los Angeles, and grew up swimming in playground pools and surfing at local beaches. Young Esther got her first job at eight, counting towels at an Inglewood pool... earning an hour of swimming for each 100 towels counted! By 14, Esther won a municipal swimming championship and was enrolled at Los Angeles Athletic Club by the city's leading women's coach, Aileen Allen, who helped Esther develop her style.

By 16, Esther represented the Los Angeles Athletic Club swim team and earned three national championships in the breaststroke and freestyle. In 1940 her Olympic dream was shattered by World War II, canceling the games... along with her hopes for international fame.

But then Broadway impresario Billy Rose invited Williams to audition for his San Francisco Aquacade and the shows star, Johnny Weissmuller picked her out of 75 hopefuls. The Aquacade was a true spectacle—a Broadway musical complete with hundreds of singing swimmers and special effects. MGM executives took notice and offered her a screen test—paired with Clark Gable! She made her screen debut alongside Mickey Rooney in Andy Hardy's Double Life. Bathing Beauty was Esther's third film and it created a new genre as the first of her 25 aqua-musicals for MGM filmed in a special 90-foot square, 20-foot deep pool was built at Stage 30 on the studio lot, complete with hydraulic lifts, hidden air hoses and special camera cranes for overhead shots.

Movie making was exhausting work, yet Esther found time to marry three times during her career. She has three children (Benjamin, Kimball and Susan) from her second marriage to radio singer Ben Gage. She is presently married to Edward Bell, a former actor and producer.

Williams also has a head for business, still selling pools and swimwear. In 2008, she was recognized by the Smithsonian as one of eight “Legendary Ladies of the Stage and Screen.”

Does she still swim today at 90? “Yes. Everyday. It's the only sport you can do from your first bath to your last without hurting yourself.” Amen!
Annette Kellerman Arrested

Publicity still of Esther Williams, as the famed Annette Kellerman, water queen of another era, displays the much-talked-about one piece suit that led to her arrest on Revere Beach, MASS in 1908 for “nude bathing.” Originally entitled “The One Piece Bathing Suit”, MGM renamed the movie “Million Dollar Mermaid” before its release. The Technicolor musical starred Esther, Walter Pidgeon as Annette’s father, Victor Mature as her suitor and husband and Jesse White as Victor’s assistant and comic foil. Mervyn LeRoy directed from the script by Everett Freeman.

Dressed in her movie costume, Esther Williams confers with Annette Kellerman for movie content and accuracy in “Million Dollar Mermaid” - The story of Annette’s life - 1952

In the movies court scene, Esther Williams as Annette Kellerman exhibits the full length suit which the judge rules permissible to wear in public.
Claire Galligan

- started swimming competitively with the Women’s Lifesaving League and became a charter member of the New York Women’s Swimming Association when that celebrated club was formed in 1916. At a time when Victorian morality dictated that a woman’s place was in the home, when physicians warned of the harmful effects of strenuous physical activity on frail womankind and moralists were appalled by women daring to wear revealing bathing suits in public – Claire Galligan was a rebel and the most celebrated American woman swimmer of her day. She won the first recognized AAU National Championship, winning the 500 yard freestyle on March 31, 1916, in New York City and on September 31, 1917 became the first American woman to set a recognized world record of 7:31.4 in the 500 at Neptune Park in Alameda, California. Claire was America’s first but never got to swim in the Olympics. The 1916 Games were cancelled by war and by 1920 she was married and had retired from swimming.

Claire Galligan - Hands and Footprints in cement during her induction to the Hall of Fame in 1970

To A Lady Swimmer

William F. Kirk 1917,
NY Journal

Miss Galligan, Miss Galligan
The champion of the all,
The girl who knows each swimming pose
From trudgeon stroke to crawl,
How does it seem to go full steam,
Where weaker craft would founder,
Swift as a salmon up a stream,
And swifter than a flounder?

Miss Galligan, perhaps you know
That in the days of Nero,
Leander swam twelve miles or so
To meet a dame named Hero.
This heroine was a little goose
To wait for such a gander;
I’ll bet my thumb that you’d have swum
Half-way to meet Leander.

Miss Galligan, Miss Galligan
When through the waves you churn,
You often vex the stern sex
And leave them far astern.
O mermaid bold, long may you hold
The wreath you’ve won by swimmin’
And spoil for gents their arguments
Regarding Votes for Wimmen
Remembering Reagan at 100

ISHOF’s 1988 Gold Medallion Award Recipient
Ronald Reagan (February 6, 1911 – June 5, 2004)

He was a short, skinny and shy kid who wore thick, horn-rimmed glasses and was only an average student. But as he reached his teens a summer job as a lifeguard became the defining experience in his life, forever changing his self-image. His biographer, Edmund Morris, said that being a lifeguard left Reagan with a lifelong desire to save people.

Starting at age 15, “Dutch” Reagan worked as the Lowell Park lifeguard on the Rock River, just north of his hometown of Dixon, Illinois. His pay was $18 dollars a week and all of the nickel root beer and ten cent hamburgers he could eat. During the morning hours, he would teach swimming lessons to children and parents from miles around brought their children to him to learn how to swim. During his seven summers at the park, 1926 – 1932, Reagan is credited with rescuing 77 lives from the water. He found that lifeguarding provided one of the best vantage points in the world to learn about human nature.

“Remembering Reagan at 100”

Ronald Reagan loved being a lifeguard and fondly often recalled his days on the Rock River with great pride.

Upon graduation from high school, Reagan attended Eureka College in southern Illinois, where he received an athletic scholarship as a member of the swimming and football teams. His freshman year, he never lost a swimming race and soon took on the duties as the college swim coach while competing until his graduation in 1932.

His sense of humor will always be a part of his legacy. He is remembered for this home-town moment, while attending the dedication of Dixon’s first swimming pool with Adolph Kiefer in 1950.

“You must be a bunch of sissies,” he exclaimed good-naturedly. “The river was good enough for the rest of us.” He then surprised everyone by stripping to his bathing trunks and challenging the great Kiefer – the greatest swimmer of the era – to a race. [“In deference to the hometown hero,” says Kiefer, “I let him win.”]

Ronald Reagan loved being a lifeguard and fondly often recalled his days on the Rock River with great pride.
Art Linkletter presents President Ronald Reagan with ISHOF’s Gold Medallion- (L-R) Art Linkletter, Dr. Sammy Lee, Donna DeVarona, Reed Ringel, Mark Spitz, President Ronald Reagan, Bruce Furness, Greg Louganis, Buck Dawson, Brian Goodell, Janet Evans.
Ronald Reagan, former lifeguard turned actor returned to Dixon along with the great Adolph Kiefer in August of 1950 to dedicate the Dixon Memorial Pool. When he was a kid the local residents had to brave the dangerous water of the river, he chided. What are you a bunch of sissies that need a pool? The pool, designed to be a memorial to WWII veterans closed in 2007 and is rapidly deteriorating. It’s unique, above ground construction, designed by architect Wesley Bintz, is one of only a handful of the more than 130 Bintz pools that were built across the country between 1919 and 1951.

Ron Reagan’s, My Father At 100, is a charming, heartfelt memoir of a son trying to know his father. He travels to the small Midwestern towns where his dad grew up and explores the relationships his father had with his parents and friends. What is significant to me about the book is the extraordinary time Ron spends on the impact that swimming and being a teenage lifeguard who saved 77 lives had in shaping his father’s self image and later life.

He describes his father as having a “tall, slim frame, well knitted with long, smooth sinew that was ill suited to his duties as a gridiron lineman. Moving through the water, though, he was a hydrodynamic lade. His dim eyesight, which so limited him in other sports, proved no obstacle in an aquatic environment, where blurriness is a common denominator.”

Perhaps so much time is devoted to swimming is because the President was fond of saying that being a lifeguard was, “the best job I ever had.” For young Ron, swimming in the backyard pool and racing him throughout his childhood provides some of his best memories of time spent with his father. In any event, the book is well worth reading for how the swimming experience can shape a life.
In Memory Of...
In 1933, the New York Daily News started a campaign to raise money to build a swimming pool at the White House as a way to honor President Franklin Roosevelt, a New York native who suffered from the crippling disease, poliomyelitis. The President often swam at therapy pools at his Hyde Park home in New York or at a center in Warm Springs, Georgia.

The pool was built inside the west gallery between the White House and the West Wing in place of the old laundry rooms, which were moved to the basement of the mansion. Arched ceilings and high rows of half-mooned windows surrounded the rectangular pool. French doors opened into the Rose Garden. The president’s pool was a modern-day showcase of technology, featuring underwater lighting, sterilizers and the latest gadgets. For several years, he used it multiple times a day. Harry Truman swam in it frequently—with his glasses on.

In 1961, President Kennedy’s father had the pool renovated and a huge mural was painted on three walls of the swimming pool room as a gift to his son. It featured a Caribbean scene with many sailboats on calm waters. The opposite long wall was fitted with mirrors. John Kennedy sometimes held swimming races with Cabinet members. He liked the pool so much that he made a habit of stopping by at noon, stripping down for a swim, and padding back to his bedroom for lunch and a nap in nothing but a robe. He did the same at the end of the day, dressing again for dinner. As a result, Chief Usher JB West observed, “John F. Kennedy wore three separate suits of clothes every day of his White House life.” During the Johnson administration, the walls were hung with dozens of bathing suits of all sizes so that guests could swim.

In 1970, non-swimmer Richard Nixon covered the pool to create a press briefing room above the old pool to accommodate the growing demand for television news. Today, this small theater, known as the James Brady Press Briefing Room, is where the White House press corps assembles to hear the White House press secretary’s briefings and reports. The doors opening to the Rose Garden on the south and the West Wing drive on the north allowing members of the media quick access to outdoor events.

In 1975 another public fundraising campaign was launched to provide President Gerald Ford, an avid swimmer, with a place to swim at the White House. In 1976, a pool house was added — with a secret, underground passage that let’s the First Family and their guests to get from the White House to the pool without going outside.
President Roosevelt’s original White House pool.

Kennedy Restoration, 1960
JOHN QUINCY ADAMS
(1767-1848)
President: 1825-1829
John Quincy Adams was a powerful swimmer who seemed as at ease in the water as on terra firma. As President, he rose precisely at 5 a.m. (4:15 in the summers), made his own fire, read his Bible, and then would take a morning nude swim in the Potomac before the sun came out. One morning a tramp stole his clothes while he was swimming and he had to ask a boy who happened by to run to the White House to get some clothes from his wife, Louisa. Another time, while swimming in bad weather, against the protests of his wife, he almost drowned. Still, he continued to take chances. The most famous Adams swimming story involved Anne Royall, the first U.S. professional journalist. She knew of his 5 a.m. swims and after being refused interviews time after time, she went to the river, gathered his clothes and sat on them until she had her interview while Adams stood chin-deep in the Potomac River. Before this, no female had interviewed a president.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT
(1858-1919)
President: 1901-1909
Theodore Roosevelt was another presidential skinny-dipper. In his Autobiography Roosevelt described nude swims in the Potomac with his “tennis cabinet.” “If we swam the Potomac,” he wrote, “we usually took off our clothes.”
FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT
(1882-1945)
President: 1933-1945

“I think swimming is a wonderful thing,” said Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr., “It was my father’s only way of exercising and I’m sure it kept him alive longer.” In overcoming the devastating effects of polio at the age of 39, FDR gave the entire world an example of raw courage every day of the 24 years remaining to him. He most assuredly swam more than any other occupant of the White House, both in Washington and in Warm Springs, Georgia. Swimming was an integral, even essential, part of his life as therapy and as recreation. Nickel and dime donations by the nation’s children in the 1930s made the White House pool a reality. In turn, FDR provided the kind of spirit and enthusiasm that inspired generations everywhere on earth, leading the free world in the epic struggle against tyranny.

JOHN F. KENNEDY
(1917-1963)
President: 1961-1963

In the darkest days of World War II, Lieut. Kennedy was commanding PT-109 when it was rammed and sunk by a Japanese destroyer off the Solomon Islands in the South Pacific. In the long night that followed he swam to shore towing an injured crewman with him; the next five days required considerable swimming in dangerous waters until all the men were safe. Jack Kennedy was decorated for saving three lives and also earned a Purple Heart. And where did JFK acquire such lifesaving aquatic skills? As a member of the first Harvard swim team to defeat Yale. In later years President Kennedy swam in the White House pool to ease the chronic back pain, a souvenir of his war-time days.
GERALD FORD
(1913-2006)
President: 1974-1977

As vice president, Gerald Ford swam daily in his Arlington, Va. home pool, and when he rose to the Presidency he was a regular swimmer in the newly-constructed pool on the White House grounds. (The original indoor pool built by FDR had been removed in the late 1960s.) The Swimming Hall of Fame contributed the first $1,000 to the fund for the White House pool in 1975.

Widely-admired for his interest in physical fitness and sports, President Ford carried his swimming regimen into his life as Citizen Ford. He was a special guest of the Swimming Hall of Fame in 1977 and now serves as an Honorary Director.

RONALD REAGAN
(1911-2004)
President: 1981-1989

As a young man Ronald “Dutch” Reagan gained fame as a lifeguard credited with saving the lives of 77 persons from 1927 to 1932 on Rock River in his hometown of Dixon, Ill. He was also captain and player-coach of the Eureka College swim team. One of his boyhood ambitions was to make an Olympic team and train with Johnny Weissmuller. This particular ambition was not realized; but another one was achieved in 1980.
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
July 10, 1975

Dear Buck:
The beautiful White House swimming pool is open and is a wonderful addition to 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue.

Betty and I thank you and 460 others who were so generous and thoughtful. You and the others have made it all possible.

The pool is fully operational and the dressing room is under construction and will be completed within the next several weeks. All of the construction and the landscaping is being done with the full cooperation of the White House Preservation Commission. Later this year a cover may be added to make possible full use on a 12 month a year basis. I am certain that all citizens are grateful for your contribution to a finer White House.

Swimming is a superior exercise for good health and a swimming pool is a fine facility for family fun and friends. You can rest assured our family, the White House staff and I are most grateful. Obviously, it will be well used, enjoyed and appreciated by many others in the years ahead.

Again, thank you.

Sincerely,

Buck Dawson
International Swimming Hall of Fame
501 Seabreeze Blvd.
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33316

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
July 18, 1975

Dear Buck:

In addition to thanking you for your contribution to the new White House swimming pool I wish to add my extra thanks for your efforts in making the fund drive a success.

Your dedication to the project has made the White House pool a reality sooner than would otherwise have been possible.

Again my sincere thanks,

Buck Dawson
International Swimming Hall of Fame
501 Seabreeze Blvd.
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33316
Dear Mr. Muir:

It is a pleasure to send you a word of greeting as your many friends join in honoring the 25 years of service which you have given to Williams College.

Your career as a swimming coach has done much for a host of students at Williams -- and previously at Harvard. I am not sure that my own swimming has improved since I was a freshman swimmer at Harvard, but I have at least obtained temporary custody of a swimming pool here in Washington. In the event that you should come to this city, I hope you will come for a dip.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Mr. Robert B. Muir
Williams College
Williamstown
Massachusetts

One of Coach Muir's most illustrious swimmers was Harvard swimmer John Kennedy who went undefeated in freshman competition before retiring due to a chlorine-aggravated sinus condition in the 1930's.
Fund Raised for Roosevelt Swimming Pool; Small Tank Will Be Built in the White House

By The Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, March 23.—The White House is to have a swimming pool soon, but the money will not come from the Treasury.

A movement started by The Daily News of New York and joined by forty-three other papers has already raised more than enough to construct a small cement tank about 20 by 40 feet where President Roosevelt can take much-needed exercise.

The newspapers began the campaign without the Chief Executive's knowledge, but he is inclined to accept the fund for several reasons. One is that he does not want to take any money from the depleted Treasury.

Another is that he feels a declaration would come as a rebuff to those—many of them school children—who have contributed generously to the fund. Then, too, the President, since he took office, has keenly missed the form of exercise best suited to him.

Present plans are for the pool to be built in the west wing of the White House between the Executive Offices and the White House proper. The sponsors of the fund intended to have an elaborate outdoor pool constructed on the south grounds of the White House, but Mr. Roosevelt vetoed that idea because he did not want to change in any way the present architectural design of the Executive Mansion.

The pool now planned will cost about $10,000, which is all that will be accepted from the fund already raised. It was stated emphatically also that the White House itself will receive no contributions directly.

Lieutenant Colonel U. S. Grant, 3d, director of the Office of Public Buildings, already has made a preliminary survey preparatory to starting work on the pool. Apparently there are no obstacles to placing it in the west wing.

Probably all that will be necessary to clear the way for the tank is to rip out a partition and take up a portion of the floor. The space is being used now by the White House gardener.

It was made known today at the White House that the President will use the Commerce Department Inspection boat Sequoia for brief sea journeys when he finds time to get away from Washington.

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Roosevelt Takes His First Dip In New Pool at White House

By The Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, June 3.—President Roosevelt early tonight took his first plunge into the new White House swimming pool.

Mrs. Roosevelt joined the Chief Executive in his first swim enjoyed by him since he left Warm Springs, Ga., before the inauguration.

The White House pool is located in the west terrace of the mansion, a wing leading from the main part of the house to the executive offices, which formerly was occupied by desk space for a group of clerks.

The temperature of the water is kept at around 88 degrees, which is the same as that in Mr. Roosevelt's favorite Warm Springs swimming place. He stayed in the pool tonight from around 6:30 until 7.

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Truman Uses White House Pool

WASHINGTON, May 17 (AP)—President Truman has been spending 15 to 20 minutes in the White House swimming pool just before dinner each day, Charles G. Ross, press secretary, said today. "He says he is a poor swimmer," Mr. Ross added, "nevertheless he travels six times around the 110-foot distance, or about 220 yards every day."

The New York Times
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Benito Mussolini, Italian Fascist

Pierre Trudeau, Canadian Prime Minister

Chairman Mao, People's Republic of China
Sunny Sands and Soft Surf

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The 1st Pan American Games were held in Buenos Aires, Argentina, 25 February-9 March 1951. The Pan American Games’ origins were at the Games of the X Olympiad in Los Angeles, United States, where officials representing the National Olympic Committees discussed the staging of an Olympic-style regional athletic competition for the athletes of the Americas.

At the Pan American Sports Conference held in 1940, it was decided to hold the 1st Pan American Games in Buenos Aires, Argentina, in 1942 and a Pan American Sports Committee was formed to govern the Games. Avery Brundage, President of the USOC and Vice-President of the IOC, was elected as the first President. However, the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor brought much of the Americas into World War II, thus forcing the cancellation of the 1942 games.

A second conference was held in 1948 at the London Olympic Games. Avery Brundage was re-elected as the President of the PASC. It was decided that Buenos Aires would still host the 1st Pan American Games, this time in 1951.

Argentine President Juan Peron and his co-leader, Madam Eva Peron (addressing the Opening Ceremonies, on right) were the honorary Presidents and were given a special exhibition of synchronized swimming, while Mario Negri, FINA Bureau Vice President and UANA President presided over the aquatic events, which were held at the Institute of Technical Research, Ministry of Public Works (pictured below). The aquatic events were extremely well conducted and greatly enhanced the prestige of the Argentine Federation and UANA, leading indirectly to the election of Mario Negri (ARG) as the first non-European President of FINA at the 1952 Helsinki FINA Congress. The success of subsequent Games were also a major influence on the elections of UANA presidents Max Ritter, Javier Ostos Mora, Hal Henning, Robert Helmick and Dr. Julio Maglione as FINA presidents.
Female Swimming & Diving Stars of the Pan American Games

Ana Maria Schultz (ARG)
born October 9, 1935
Argentina’s Ana Maria Schultz, atop the victory platform, claimed a total of five medals, including gold in both the 200 m and 400 m freestyle.

Patricia (“Pat”) Joan McCormick (USA)
born May 12, 1930
The Pan American Games were a prelude for greater things to come as she became the first woman to win back to back Olympic Titles in both the 3m and Platform diving at the 1952 and 1956 Olympic Games.

Beulah Gundling (USA)
(born February 13, 1916 – October 1, 2003) Synchronized swimming received a spectacular boost through Beulah Gundling’s solo exhibitions (pictured right) and daily performances by US and Canadian teams (delegation pictured below: from left - Marjorie Coachland, June and Gail Taylor, Lillian “Billie” MacKellar) at the 1st Pan-American Games. Madga Bruggeman, a speed swimmer from Mexico also performed solo, and a twenty-four girl team from Argentina also performed a water ballet. UANA became the first FINA organization to sanction an official multinational synchronized swimming competition when it was included in the 1955 II Pan American Games.

Male Stars of the Swimming, Diving and Water Polo Competition

Tetsuo Okamoto (BRA)
(March 20, 1932 – October 1, 2007)
A Brazilian swimmer of Japanese descent, he was a bronze medalist at the 1952 Summer Olympics in Helsinki (1500m Freestyle) and the first Brazilian swimmer to win a medal at the Olympics. At the inaugural Pan American Games in 1951 he claimed two gold medals in the freestyle events.

Joaquin Capilla Pérez (MEX)
(December 23, 1928 – May 8, 2010)
During the diving decade following World War II, one man, Mexican Joaquin Capilla, kept the American divers honest, winning a record 5 Olympic medals in 3 Olympics including Latin America’s first and only Olympic gold diving medal. Capilla was undefeated in the first two Pan-American Games winning both springboard and tower.

Richard (“Dick”) Fitch Cleveland (USA)
(September 21, 1929 – July 27, 2002) Beginning his career in his native Hawaii and culminating at Ohio State University, Cleveland won three gold medals at the 1951 Pan American Games and set four world and ten American records during his swimming career which spanned from 1946 to 1955.

Osvaldo Cordaro (ARG)
(Born 1930) Cordaro was one of the greatest players to come from South America and one of the best in the world during the 1940’s and 1950’s. He started his glorious career as a player for “C.A Independiente” and led Argentina to the gold medal in the 1st Pan-American Games of 1951 in Buenos Aires and then again in Mexico in 1955. At 6 ft 3in tall weighing 220 pounds, he was the big man in the pool and a threat to any opponent.
2011 ISHOF Induction Ceremony

Prince Albert (C) with Ft. Lauderdale Mayor Jack Seiler (R) and City Commissioner Charlotte Rodstrom (L)

Oceanographic Artist Guy Harvey presents Prince Albert with one of his famous paintings as Donna deVarona and Tiger Holmes look on. All four are recipients of ISHOF's Gold Medallion.

Australia’s Honorees Petria Thomas & Tom Hoad ushered in by flag bearers Cub Scout Pack 190, Bayview Elementary School.

Al Schoenfield Media Award recipient Pedro Adrega, Journalist and Head of the FINA Communications Department

Bruce Wigo (L) shares a laugh with ISHOF Board Member Dave Peugh (R)

Prince Albert with LtR: Gay DeMario, Meg Keller-Marvin, Laurie Marchwinski, Marcia Meiners, Tina Ratsy and Mary Stiles

Two tall backstroke Olympic Champions Aaron Piersol (L) & Lenny Krayzelburg (R) with ISHOF intern Elizabeth Doussan

Masters of Ceremony, Two-Time Olympic Gold medalist Aaron Piersol (L) & NBC6 anchor & Emmy Award winning journalist Trina Robinson (R)

Three water Polo heroes: Tom Hoad - AUS (L), Denes Kemeny - HUN (C) & Aleksandar Sostar - SRB (R)
2011 ISHOF Induction Ceremony

Three-Time Olympic Gold Medal Water Polo Coach
Denes Kemeny's (HUN) acceptance speech

H.S.H. Prince Albert II of Monaco receives the prestigious Gold Medalion from ISHOF

Rose Koenen (USA) accepts the Award on behalf of her mother, Pioneer Re Calcaterra from Honor Contributor Tom Gompf (USA)

Honor Coach Peter Daland presents the Award & Sash to an excited Tom Hoad (AUS) - Honor Contributor

Two great backstroke swimmers, Honoree David Berkoff (L) presents the Honors to Honor Swimmer Lenny Krayzelburg (USA)

Honor Swimmer Petria Thomas (AUS) accepts her honor

Two great Synchronized Swimmers, Becky Dyron Lancer (USA) presents the honor to Miya Tachibana (JPN)

Olympic Diving Champion Micki King (USA) congratulates Open Water Honoree Mike Read (GBR)

Honor Swimmer Petria Thomas (AUS) accepts her honor

The 2011 ISHOF Class: LtR: Lenny Krayzelburg (USA) - Honor Swimmer, Re Calcaterra (USA) - Honor Pioneer represented by daughter Rose, Thomas Hoad (AUS) - Honor Contributor, Petria Thomas (AUS) - Honor Swimmer, Denes Kemeny (HUN) - Honor Coach, Mike Read (GBR) - Honor Open Water Swimmer, Miya Tachibana (JPN) - Honor Synchronized Swimmer & Aleksandar Sostar (SRB) - Honor Water Polo Player.
Prince Albert II of Monaco Visits the ISHOF Museum

What a pleasure it was to meet Prince Albert! On hand to greet him with me for his first visit to the International Swimming Hall of Fame were a few of his old friends, Chair of the Board and Olympic swimming great Donna deVarona, the 1972 Olympic diving champion Micki King and the legendary Greg Louganis, in addition to our staff. After exchanging a few pleasantries, we began the tour, starting with the Sullivan Award given to his uncle, John B. Kelly, Jr., as America’s outstanding amateur athlete in 1947. From there we proceed through the museum the history of this incredible sport. For obvious reasons he was particularly interested in seeing the exhibits concerning our other guests. He got to hear the story behind Title IX and Donna’s impact on women’s swimming; the inside story of Micki’s broken arm from hitting the board at the 1968 Olympics and seeing the cast that was signed by his uncle and many others, including Brazilian soccer legend Pelé; and, listened to Greg tell about his own encounter with the diving board in 1988 & hearing Greg talk about his friend Ryan White. For a man with so many diverse interests, His Royal Highness couldn’t have been more down to earth, gracious, friendly, humorous and interested in our museum throughout the hour and a half tour. With so many family ties to ISHOF, I hope he will visit us again - next time with his wife, the South African Olympic Swimmer, Charlene Wittstock.
Recognizing Prince Albert as ISHOF’s 2011 Gold Medallion recipient not only recognizes the Prince for his many accomplishments, but also the Kelly family’s swimming heritage and connection to the Hall of Fame. Albert’s grandmother (far left), Margaret Majer Kelly was a nationally ranked swimmer for the Philadelphia Turners and was founder of the women’s sports program at the University of Pennsylvania. Albert’s uncle, Jack Kelly (left), was a two-term chairman of ISHOF’s Board of Directors in the 1980’s. His aunt, Mary Freeman Kelly Spitzer (in oval below), is a Hall of Fame coach and Olympic swimmer. Below, is the Prince receiving his first swim lesson at 18 months from his mother Princess Grace Kelly Grimaldi. Now married to Olympic Swimmer Charlene Wittstock, we look forward to the next generation of swimmers in the Kelly line.

June 25, 1959: Fifteen-month old Prince Albert of Monaco appears to be having some royal fun at his first swimming lesson. It’s fun for mother too, as Princess Grace, wearing two-piece suit and the latest in bathing caps, holds the young prince in the pool at Monte Carlo. Princess Grace was the sister of Jack Kelly, who served two terms as ISHOF’s President in the early 1980’s.
2011 Paragon and ISHOF Awards

Paragon Awards Master of Ceremonies
Bruce Wigo and Bob Duenkel

Two beautiful models wearing Jantzen swimsuits from the 50’s

Fort Lauderdale City Commissioner Romney Rogers praises the ISHOF & congratulates the award winners

The 2011 Paragon Award Winners

Dick Shoulberg (USA) - Competitive Swimming
pictured with Bruce Wigo (L) & Jim Drosdowski (R)

Joe Krasevec (USA) - Recreational Swimming

Jesus Mena (MEX) - Competitive Diving

Christine Carver (USA) - Synchronized Swimming

Farhad Madani (L) - Aquatic Safety with Bob Duenkel

The 2011 ISHOF Award Winners

Laurie Lawrence (L) (AUS) - Virginia Hunt Newman Award with Steve Graves, "Kids Alive do the Five"

Steven Munatones (L) - David’s Wheeler Award for Marathon Swimming with Bob Duenkel

Bob Ogorevec - Judge Martin Award with Mary Martin Hayes

Bruce Becker (L) - J.K. Williams Jr. Adapted Aquatics Award with B. Duenkel

Teresa & Maddy Crippen (R) present Melissa Gorman (AUS) with her prize money for winning the 2011 Fran Crippen SafeSwim Female Division hosted by ISHOF

John Spannuth - ISHOF Service Award

Cold Water Swimmer
Lewis Gordon Pugh
ISHOF President’s Award

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Lewis Gordon Pugh
ISHOF President’s Award

Donald Leas (L) - Duraflex International Diving Award with Jan Rude (R)
2011 International Masters Induction, Jacksonville

ISHOF Honorees Micki King & Tom Gomph (both USA) attend the the 2011 IMSHOF Induction

Lynn Marshall (CAN) mingling with friends at the cocktail party prior to her induction

Jeff Farrell (USA) with friends

Proud Diving Inductees Pete DiCroce (USA) & Grande Vegard (NOR) share a laugh

Honor Swimmer Lynn Marshall (CAN) gives her acceptance speech

Jeff Farrell (USA) excepts his 2nd Swimming Hall of Fame Induction - this time into the Masters Hall of Fame

Rich Abrahams (USA), receives his Honor from MC Tom Boak

The Class of 2011 (LtR): Rich Abrahams (USA), Jeff Farrell (USA), Lynn Marshall (CAN), Pete DiCroce (USA) & Grande Vegard (NOR)

Diving Competitors, IMSHOF Inductees & best friends LtR: Pete DiCroce, Grande Vegard & Tom Hairabedian

The 2011 Masters Inductees engaged in conversation

LtR: Bruce Wigo, Tiger Holmes, Rob Butcher, Rowdy Gaines
After nearly drowning at the age of five, Cullen Jones overcame his fear of water to win a gold medal at the 2008 Beijing Olympics. He was also the first African-American male to hold a world record in swimming. By sharing his message on the "ConocoPhillips Make a Splash Tour with Cullen Jones" over the last two years, Cullen has been able to convey the message of water safety and education to a wide audience of parents, learn-to-swim providers, educators and community leaders. The tour has been hosted in 11 cities nationwide and has received extensive national media exposure. The tour stopped in Fort Lauderdale on September 20, 2011.

A swimmer and football player at Lafayette College and later ISHOF’s 1989 Gold Medallion recipient, Fred nurtured the Alleghany Corporation into one of America’s largest holding companies. But as a father, he never missed one of his four children’s swim meets; compassionate to the world around him.
Recent Visitors to The Hall

NCAA Swimming great Frank Legacki points to his image on ISHOF’s cartoon mural

Honor Swimmer Yoshi Oyakawa on left (USA) and friend

Honor Swimmer Amy van Dyken returns to ISHOF

Chief Organizer of 2008 FINA Masters WCS Michael Moore (L) and Bob Duenkel (R) browse the Henning library

Gustavo Borges (BRA) and his family visit ISHOF prior to his Induction in May of 2012

Bob Duenkel on a guided tour with hearing impaired women from the Red Hat Society. ISHOF provided a sign-language interpreter (R)

Friends of Hall of Fame Swimmer Anita Lonsborough (GBR)

Families of Hall of Fame Swimmer Ethel Lackie visit our ISHOF

Bruce Wigo with Milt Campbell - 1956 Olympic Decathlon Champion & All-American Swimmer

Eugenio & Marta Alminero (CUB) Olympic Water Polo Player

Relatives of Open Water Honoree Horatio Iglesias (ARG)
2010 Fort Lauderdale Rough Water Swim

Long-time volunteers Cay & Debbie Cavanaugh help to distribute timing chips.

Registering

Top three finishers: L-R: Ana Cunha (22:55), Israel Mentel (24:08) and Ricardo Monesterio.

Ricardo Monesterio wins the one mile race in 18:04.3.

... rounding the buoy...

... getting wet...

... close to the finish

... crossing the finish line

10 & under swimmers with almost identical times, Jacob Harkness & Zack Zakian are glad to finish.

Oscar Castillo (SCSU) placed 2nd in Freshman Men (25:10).

John King, 1st in College Seniors & Mel Radican of Bloomsburg Univ. in PA.

At age 80, Hedy Esposito of Levittown, New York finished in 1:17:28.
Great Marathon Swimmer Gustavo Oriozabala (ARG) points to his name on IMSHOF’s trophy.

Josh Hensel admires the Collegiate & Scholastic Sculpture awarded to his father Phil, long-time coach at Houston.

Great grandson of WSA of N.Y. swimmer Barbara Yodice Whitehouse visits his grandmothers’ photo.

Bruce Wigo gives a tour to Yoko Yagashita and friend.

Swimmers of Hall of Fame Coach Soichi Sakamoto.

German Swimmer and friend of world record swimmer Roland Matthes.

LEN Executive Director Laszlo Skadati, his wife Beatrice and children.

Heather & Patrick Curren present photos of her great grandfather Ernest Applequist (1912 Swedish Olympic Diver).


Past A.S.A. President Anne Clark visits ISHOF with her husband.

Mike Parratto, first coach of Honor Swimmer Jenny Thompson.

Tiger Bussard, daughter of Hall of Fame Coach Ray Bussard.

Grandson of WSA of N.Y. swimmer Barbara Yodice Whitehouse visits his grandmothers’ photo.

More Visitors to The Hall
ISHOF On The Road

Swimming Greats at the Golden Goggles - L-R: John Naber, Matt Biondi, Ryan Lochte, Rovey Gaines, Summer Sanders, Debbie Meyer with ISHOF's Meg Keller-Marvin

USA Swimming's 2011 Golden Goggle Awards Los Angeles

Movie & TV star John Slattery with L-R: Holly Dunlap, ISHOF's Laurie Marchwinski and Meg Keller-Marvin

Bruce Wigo at the 2011 Short Course Swimming World Cup in Russia during an interview with Dmitry Yolkov - Editor of Russia's Swim Magazine and Olympic Bronze Medalist in the 100m Breaststroke (left picture); with Honor Swimmer and former Butterfly world record holder Denis Pankratov (center picture) and world champion swimmers Milorad Cavic (SER) and Paul Biedermann (GER) (right picture)

One of our most valuable acquisitions this year was the addition of the rare 1904 Emil Rausch Olympic Medal Collection. Jovanne Schmid (L) returned to her home country and Berlin, where the Gerschof family had kept the collection for many years. Emil Rausch was the last Olympic Swimmer to win a Freestyle event doing the side stroke.

Bruce Wigo (R) visits Tony Dow and wife. Tony is the sculptor of The Frank Kurtz trophy at ISHOF

Dick Fosbury (L) - 1968 Olympic High Jump Champion, Adolph Kloester (C) - 1936 Olympic High Jump Champion and Craig Perlow (R) of Olympic Artifacts.com and ISHOF's award medal advisor at the 17th IOC World Collectors Fair (August 5th 2011)
More Visitors to The Hall

Film Producer Cheryl Furjanic signs a copy of her DVD "Sync or Swim" about the 2004 USA Olympic Synchronized Swimming Team.

At ISHOF to film his documentary, Greg Louganis examines three of his four gold medals.

Cheryl Furjanic and her film crew prepare Greg's documentary.

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Sabir Muhammad, who believes that every child must have the opportunity to learn to swim, published a children’s book "Born to Swim", which was distributed to Ms. "Sybil" of Fort Lauderdale’s Parks & Recreation department.
Swim Teams at The Hall

The Brantford Aquatic Club Team (CAN) in town for some hard training

Members of the British National Swimming Team arrive by boat for a tour of the Hall of Fame

Great Britain’s Olympic Synchronized Swimming Team visits the museum while training at the Hall of Fame Pool

Girls Swimming Team from Fairview High School (Boulder Colorado)

Fort Lauderdale school children at the Swimming Hall of Fame for a tour of the museum

Markham Aquatic Club of Ontario (CAN) takes a break from pool training to learn about their swimming heritage.
Mike Schmidt is recognized as the greatest third baseman in the Major League Baseball history. Playing for the Philadelphia Phillies from 1972 to 1989 he was a 12x All Star, won 10 Gold Glover Awards, 8 National League home run titles, led the league in RBIs 4 times and was the 1980 World Series MVP. He was elected to the National Baseball Hall of Fame in 1995.

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

Originally known as the Phillip’s Boat and Bath House, it was opened in 1865 by Charles A. Phillips on the Great Miami River near the Helena Street bridge. The business featured a floating, dock-like pool, and was very successful. Then in 1899 a nearby dam broke and washed the recreation spot away. The Phillips family then moved and rebuilt it in 1901 in the old North Dayton neighborhood of Leo Street near Keowee. Fate stepped in again, and all that the family built was wiped away in the great Dayton flood of 1913. Charles Phillips and his son, Edward, and grandson, John, rebuilt and started over again, and before long Lois Phillips Schmidt, the daughter of John Phillips along with her husband Jack Schmidt headed up the organization. Lois and Jack’s son Mike Schmidt, the all-star Philadelphia Phillies baseball great, worked at the pool during summers when he was a young man. Sally Schmidt, Mike’s sister, married Ron Mahrt who was the general manager of the club until the club was sold and closed in 2009.
From The Vault...

Photographer Heinz Kluetmeier captures Shirley Babashoff's (left) expression of disappointment on the podium for the 100m freestyle at the 1976 Olympics. Described as a "sore loser" by the media because of her public accusations of drug cheating by the East German swimmers, Shirley's accusations that the East German athletes, including Kornelia Ender atop the podium, were using performance-enhancing drugs, were later proven correct. Winning the bronze medal is Holland's Emith Brighta, the first person of African descent to win an Olympic swimming medal.

Below: Sixteen year old Shane Gould looks like a typical American teenager as she walks from the swimming pool following a training session. The golden girl of Australian Swimming is going to a local high school while training here for the 1976 Olympics.

Above: 1952 Olympic Gold medalists Pat McCormick & Sammy Lee prepare for their T.V. interview upon their return from Helsinki.

At left: 1973, 15-year-old Stephen Holland shows an award from the Heins Foundation to admiring Australian swimmers after his success at the First FINA World Championships in Belgrade.

Europeans Oppose Hawaiians For Swim Laurels: Columbus, OH. (April 5, 1951) – Two European swim stars, Per Olafsson (right) of Sweden, and Alex Joly (second from right) of Paris, France are pictured with Ohio State University's Hawaiian swim stars Helen Hirono (left) and Bill Smith. The four met here Friday where they are competitors in the National AAU Swimming Meet.
From The Vault...

Mark Spitz - Valencia, CA (July 24, 1974) – Olympic swimming champion Mark Spitz, joined members of The Mike Curb Congregation, Michael Reel (L) and Penny Askey, as they belt out a song during the debut of "The Mark Spitz Show" which opened at Magic Mountain amusement park yesterday. Spitz serves as master of ceremonies and joins the group in several routines.

Dawn Fraser - off for honeymoon - Australian Olympic Swimmer Dawn Fraser and husband Gary Ware pose in a Sydney airport before leaving for their honeymoon in Tahiti. (AP Wirephoto by cable from Sydney) 1965

1930's Pabst Beer ad featuring Johnny Weissmuller. 30 years after his last race he was still the world's most famous swimmer.

Ernie Brandsten - Illustrious Stanford University Hall of Fame Swimming and Diving Coach (center), with two of his most notable divers, Dave Patl (left), and Peter Desjardins (right). Patl was silver medalist in the 1924 Olympic Games at Paris. Desjardins, elected to the Citizens Savings Diving Hall of Fame, was silver medalist in 1924 and two gold medal winner at Amsterdam in 1928. Brandsten coached at Stanford for 31 years.
The Importance of Swimming in China

By Bruce Wigo

I recently spent six weeks in China, beginning with the FINA World Championships in Shanghai and ending with the World University Games in Shenzhen. During this time I had the opportunity to visit a number of pools, meet with facility managers, swimming coaches, teachers and talk with ordinary people who swim for fitness or fun and these are my observations about the present and future of Chinese swimming.

The first thing that struck me while swimming in pools like the Water Cube in Beijing or in the South China Sea resorts was that I saw almost no one swimming the crawl. For the majority of Chinese adults, swimming means the breaststroke. It is the stroke Chairman Mao used in his famous river swims and it is the primary stroke that is taught in swimming schools.

Where pools are available, swimming is taught to primary school children as part of their physical education classes. I observed large group lessons in both Pudong (Shanghai) and Shenzhen and they were all about the breaststroke. Instructors are very proud to claim nearly a 100% success rate after only 10 lessons. It’s not today’s competitive stroke, but reminiscent of the style and teaching methods used in America in the 1950’s.

If a student shows exceptional talent in the water he or she may be invited to attend a special provincial sports school, which may be close enough to remain at home with parents or if too far to commute, they can board. There are no additional incentives, but because sport training takes priority over subjects like math and science, many parents decline the invitation, as they have higher aspirations for their children than life as a sportsman. For those who do accept the invitation, financial or other benefits may come as early as age 12, the age when a swimming instructor from Jinan University in Shandong Province says she started receiving money for swimming. With an average factory worker’s salary being about $250 a month, there will still be millions of parents with dreams of their children emulating Sun Yang’s superstardom.

In the People’s Republic of China there are 33 administrative districts, known as provinces, municipalities, autonomous or administrative regions. In each the government has built at least one world-class, multi-pool aquatic training center, in addition to other pools. Each province also has an age group swimming championship. In Shandong Province this year, for example, there were approximately 400 swimmers, male and female, competing in age groups from 8 & under to 18 & under. A tiny number for a province that has a population of over ninety-five million people, but which reflects a system that relies upon talent identification and incentives, rather than a large talent pool like in the USA.

The importance of a sizeable talent pool may have been demonstrated by the success of the US team at the 14th FINA World Championships in Shanghai. Americans once again dominated the swimming events, bringing home 32 medals, including 16 Golds to China’s 5. However, a large base seems to be less important in the minor aquatic sports where China’s talent ID reliant system has achieved remarkable success in diving. Using the same principal of identifying talent and working full-time with small groups and high coach-to-athlete ratios, China has also become a power in both synchronized swimming and women’s water polo. There may be no more than 250 females of any age playing water polo in China, compared to approximately 15,000 in the USA, but in Shanghai China finished ahead of the USA.

The difference between the USA and China, according to US Diving coach Hongping Li, is that in China athletes and parents look at sports from an early age as a serious profession, while most American athletes start in aquatics as a fun hobby or part-time sport. As for diving, says Li, “China has an unbeatable state-run system. Divers with the best bodies and best physical condition are selected and brought together for intensive and time-consuming training. Compared with them, US divers are amateurs who have spare time for study, work and socializing.”

The question is, can the system that has led to China’s success in the three minor aquatic sports be replicated in swimming? So far the answer is no, although the Chinese are becoming increasingly competitive. If they adopt a broader based system and attract more talent from their population of 1.3 billion, the world had better watch out and that may be starting. You can see it in the number of world-class aquatic facilities that are being built across the country, in the celebrity and wealth accruing to Sun Yang, whose billboard sized image and appearances on CCTV could be seen all across China within hours and days of setting his first world record - and in the great desire by the government to achieve international athletic success.

Diving, synchronized swimming and women’s water polo may provide a glimpse of what may be coming to swimming as the size of the talent pool and number of facilities grow — and where the old style breaststroke may soon be replaced by the butterfly, backstroke and crawl in the swimming pools in China.
The first two Sullivan Awards were solid gold medals presented to golfer, Bobby Jones, and Decathlete Bernie Berlinger, as America's best Amateur Athletes of 1930 and 1931.

This is a replica of Berlinger's award, the last medal ever presented as the Sullivan Award. Because of President Roosevelt's 1932 embargo on gold, the statue currently presented to the Sullivan Award recipients was substituted in its place.

Since 1980 the Sullivan Award has been presented to the athlete who demonstrates the best qualities of leadership, character, sportsmanship on the field as well as his or her leadership skills & strong character which is evident in his/her lifestyle as a whole.
What Makes A Champion Swimmer?

Champaign, IL - Dr. T.K. Cureton, in charge of the University of Illinois Physical Fitness Laboratory, has run test of various kinds on 30,000 men, including many Olympic champions. His latest subject is John Marshall, an Australian-born long distance swimmer and holder of eight world marks. Dr. Cureton discovered that Marshall has one of the largest hearts per pound of body weight of any of the thousands tested. More than anything else, he attributes the swimmer's success to his big, strong heart. Marshall's heart contracts with great strength, wringing out practically all its blood on each beat. Cureton determined that Marshall's amazing maintenance of pace was caused by vast amounts of oxygen taken into the lungs. His circulatory fitness rated higher than any athlete tested. The results of the test is considered as one of the more convincing answers to the question: What makes a champion swimmer?
Coast Swimming Stadium Opens

Los Angeles – May 15, 1933 A general view of the scene as the Los Angeles Swimming Stadium, scene of the Olympic Games Aquatic events was thrown open to public use for the first time since its construction. With the completion of a new shallow tank for children, the layout is said to be the finest playground pool in America.

The pool as it looked during the 1932 Olympic Games with temporary stacks covering the recreation pool.
FOUR HUNDRED SWIMMING classes with a record-breaking enrollment were in session in 105 swimming pools throughout Chicago and suburbs during the seventh annual "Learn-to-Swim" campaign during July and August. A total of 50,771 youngsters between the ages of seven and eleven were enrolled in the program, according to Adolph Kiefer, noted Olympic swimmer, who coordinated the program as Red Cross volunteer water safety chairman for Chicago. Some 15,000 of these were enrolled in the Chicago Park District's forty-four pools and another 14,677 in Chicago public high school pools. The country's largest water safety program was sponsored jointly by the Red Cross, the Chicago Herald-American, and the Chicago Park District, with Chicago public high schools and recreational agencies in the city and suburbs cooperating. The program included practically every outdoor swimming facility in the Chicago area, and twenty-four high school indoor pools. During the last six years, 115,641 boys and girls have learned to swim in this gigantic program which has been pointed to the non-swimmer level.

The drowning rate throughout the country has been cut more than 50% by this educational type of water safety instruction. Figures released by the National Safety Congress disclose that during the past year drowning fatalities were 600 less throughout the nation than in the previous year. The figures also show that despite the tremendous increase in swimming population, the drowning rate per 100,000 has progressively decreased from eleven to four.

Classes, stimulated by the mayor's proclamation designating July & August as "Learn-to-Swim" months, were held for six weeks, with students receiving an average of three lessons per week free of charge. 325 American Red Cross qualified Water Safety Instructors taught during the campaign.

Bronze achievement trophies were distributed to all pools enrolled by the Chicago Harald-American and at each location the boy and girl showing the most advancement during the six week program was awarded one of these trophies as part of the water show which culminated the "Learn-To-Swim" campaign.

The largest enrollment reported in the suburban outdoor pool was reported at the Glen Ellyn pool where 780 boys and girls received instructions.

Adolph Kiefer, world champion backstroke swimmer, comes up out of the pool at a "Learn To Swim" class. He was the 1951 chairman for Chicago.
The International Marathon Swimming Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony and The 2011 Global Open Water Swimming Conference

In late June, 2011, the International Marathon Swimming Hall of Fame induction ceremonies were held outside Fort Lauderdale for the first time in history.

The induction ceremonies were held in New York City at the famed Delegate Room in the United Nations Building on Manhattan Island, overlooking the East River.

The ceremonies culminated the three-day 2011 Global Open Water Swimming Conference, a gathering of open water swimmers, world champions, celebrated marathon soloists, world-record holders, Olympians, coaches, administrators, officials, physicians, researchers, scientists, documentary directors, writers and open water swimming enthusiasts, to meet and network. The conference, which was held at Columbia University, hosted a multitude of educational, inspirational and motivational talks and seminars by professionals from around the globe.

The 2011 Global Open Water Swimming Awards began by celebrating the honorees. The Open Water Honorees included: Dr. Harry Huffaker (USA), Yuko Matsuzaki (Japan), Anne Cleveland (USA), Fran Crippen (USA), Bill Goll (USA), Richard Campion (Australia), Drury Gallagher (USA), the Rottnest Channel Swim Association (Australia), the Catalina Channel Swimming Federation (USA), and Tom Hertzel (USA).

In addition to the Honorees, the IMSHOF presented Certificates of Merit to the following: Cliff Lumsden of Canada, George Young of Canada, Tom Hoad of Australia, Claudio Pitt of Argentina, and Jane Katz of the USA, because they were named International Marathon Swimming Hall of Fame finalists.

Additionally, FINA Technical Open Water Swimming Committee Members, Jorge Aurelio Delgado Panchana of Ecuador, Zouheir El Mouftin of Morocco, and Hatem Seifallah Mohamed Ibrahim of Egypt received Certificates of Merits as did the Channel Swimming and Pilots Federation, the Midmar Mile and Nell Schmidt, the first woman to swim across San Francisco Bay, in 1912.

The Global conference also showcased the 28.5 mile Manhattan Island Marathon Swim, and the 2010 World Open Water Swimming Woman of the Year, the 2010 World Open Water Male Swimmer of the Year and the 2010 World Open Water Swimming Performance of the Year.

The 2011 Manhattan Island Marathon Swim was won by Erica Rose of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, with a time of 7 hours, 29 minutes, 46 seconds. The 28 year old Rose is a former world champion and 10-time U.S. champion. The race, the longest swimming event in the world, began and ended at South Cove in Battery Park. Australia’s John van Wisse, a three-time Manhattan island champion, was second in 7:30:50. Rose and van Wisse earned the right to return September 28 to swim on a fast tide and attempt to break the record around the island held by ISHOF and IMSHOF Honoree, Shelley Taylor Smith at 5:45.
The Story of Nell Schmidt

The Alameda Mermaid

Nell Schmidt, the first woman to swim across San Francisco Bay (1912) was from Alameda, California. Nearly 100 years after her record-setting swim in San Francisco Bay, Nell became part of the International Marathon Swimming Hall of Fame. Nell brought recognition to herself, the City of Alameda and women participating in sports in the early part of the 20th century by her 1912 swim from Alameda, California across San Francisco Bay. The City of Alameda was so proud of their “mermaid”, that they presented her with a beautiful pigskin award (see photo). The Award reads: “Presented to Miss Nell Schmidt by the people of Alameda, California in recognition of her great achievement in being the first woman to swim across San Francisco Bay and for her loyalty to her home City-Alameda. 1912”

Nell’s son, George Hauck of Arizona, was in attendance to accept the Certificate of Merit. Also attending were Nell’s granddaughter, Dr. Robbie Soltz and her husband, Dr. David Soltz. The famous pigskin award is currently hanging in the Soltz’s home in Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania. They generously brought this 100 year old framed award to New York to showcase it for the attendees of the awards ceremony.

The following excerpt is from the book: Sunset: Volume 29, Southern Pacific Company, Passenger Department:

“THE CHAMPIONS OF SAN FRANCISCO BAY”

“Next month I shall beat the women’s world record for a mile. Next year, I shall swim the English Channel. My Mother is going to send me.”

The little-mousey voice might have been saying: “Tomorrow I shall buy a gauze toque, and mamma is going to give me an opera coat Christmas. “Have you set a date for swimming the Pacific?” Not a spark of anger, no emphasis, in the dulcet voice: “I am going to do those things.”

Miss Schmidt has the confidence of one whose trumpet has never sounded retreat. She has never failed to put herself across. The boisterous waters of San Francisco’s gate and bay bear testimony to this, and the seals bark it from the rocks out by the cliff.

In August of this year Miss Schmidt set a women’s record for speed and endurance across San Francisco Bay, on a course between the Vallejo Street wharf and Oakland Mole. When in September, Miss Schmidt put herself around all four of the Seal Rocks, a feat never before performed by man or woman, the sporting editors sat up and took notice, the swimmers of the men’s athletic clubs sweated admiration and blood, and all the bay cities, especially Alameda, acclaimed Miss Schmidt a wonder of the world. No one said “pretty good for a woman!” Walter Pomeroy, (continued next page)
of the Olympics, had previously encompassed three of the rocks in 32 minutes, 5 seconds. Miss Schmidt included the fourth in 34 minutes, 54 seconds. Her admirers began to freely predict she could beat out Pomeroy at a straightaway race. And the lady herself confessed she would not mind a try.

Since Miss Schmidt's Seal Rocks swim, the waters about San Francisco have been considerably stirred up. The very next Sunday, Robert Beck beat her Seal Rocks record by over four minutes, a second man by over one minute, and a third equaled her time; Pomeroy showed remarkable class by doing the bay from Vallejo street wharf to Alameda mole in 1 hour, 51 minutes, 13 seconds; and Mrs. Beulah Soderer started out to "get" Miss Schmidt's bay record. She ended up at Long wharf, three quarters of a mile from Oakland mole, making a record of her own, but not smashing Miss Schmidt's. Mrs. Soderer is what the Alameda girl is looking for—a foe woman worthy of her steel.

Miss Nell, who is nineteen years old, says she has just begun her career and is now seriously going into training. "Why, until I swam the gate I never thought of myself as speedy or enduring. There are eight of us, four girls and four boys, and we all swam as a matter of course. I was put in the water when I was six weeks old and I've been paddling around in it ever since. Yes, right out here, in front of the cottage where I was born. My father started this business (the Cottage Baths) just about that time, and my Mother is a former swimming teacher. So I didn't think so much of my swimming. I did think I was a diver, though. Oh, yes, I hold the woman's world record for high diving for seventy-five feet. Here's a photograph."

The mousey voice! She might have been saying "I had my picture taken yesterday, in my bathing suit, on the wharf. Here's the photograph."

Miss Schmidt was dressed in a red sweater, knitted cap and all the other toggery civilization demands—on land. "Here are some pictures" she said, "before I took 'em off". "Em" means bathing skirts. "Then I adopted the long union suit introduced by Miss Kellerman; but it held water and didn't permit the freest use of the limbs. So I had to put on a man's suit. I hope I don't look bold."

"No," she was assured. "Nor modest. Just a swimmer"

Some space might be devoted to Miss Schmidt's "pestiferous admirers," and her offers matrimonial, theatrical and other kinds. Of course she will have to have a trainer, and there are many willing. And there are those would like her to train them. One illiterate gentleman, of Joplin, Missouri, has rashly thanked her in advance for giving him correspondence lessons in swimming."

And of course the "movies" have been after her. She shies at them, and at theatrical engagements. "All I want is the honor," she quietly says.

One subject has been called "Mermaid," "The Diving Venus," "Sea Nymph," and all the rest of that slop. They don't call a man swimmer "Merman," "The Diving Apollo," or "Sea-faun." So here's a toast to Nell Schmidt: May this splendid human being read her title clear, around the globe, to the name she likes best—"Champion." By Francis A Groff (1912)
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