



Ontario Aquatic Hall of Fame Newsletter – June/July 2016

Olympic & Paralympic Games- Swimming

As most of you know, the Trials for the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games were held in Ontario again! It was the first Olympic Trials in Ontario since 2004.

Anne Ottenbrite-Muylaert expressed the power of these games when she said “We see dreams come true and feel their joy. We also feel the heartbreak for some. We have all experienced the highs and lows of a competition like this. We walk away from Trials inspired and hopeful for a successful games. Something we all share is an understanding of the work and commitment that has gone into this experience.”

Anne further commented “It was so nice to see many familiar faces. What a joy to be able to come out and enjoy the festivities. This time I attended Trials as a coach as opposed to an athlete. It gave me a new perspective of Trials. One thing that will never change is the emotion we all feel when we watch.”

Vicki Keith believes “These trials were the most inclusive championship meet ever held in Canada.” She continued “The Paralympics are the 2nd largest competition in the world, second only to the Olympics. It is so exciting to see the mutual respect between the Olympic and Para-swimming stream in Canada.

From August 6th-13th and September 8th-17th, let’s join together to cheer on and support our athletes.”

** We are proud to give kudos to Ashton and Kennedy who have parents in the Ontario Aquatic Hall of Fame !*

On behalf of the Ontario Aquatic Hall Of Fame we would like to wish the swimmers competing at the Olympic and Paralympic Games. The best of luck to these athletes for a successful games !

The Ontario Aquatics Hall Of Fame is saddened to hear of the passing of Swim Ontario Hall Of Fame Member **Cindy Nicholas** in May 2016, at the age of 58.

Cindy was a lawyer who served as a Liberal member of the Ontario legislature from 1987 to 1990. She started out an elite competitive swimmer, setting 16 Ontario age group records between 1964 and 1974. She competed in national championships and the 1972 Olympic Trials.

Congratulations to Ontario Swimmers on the Olympic and Paralympic Teams

2016 Olympic Team:

Javier Acevedo (MAC)
Ashton Baumann * (Ottawa)
Dominique Bouchard (OAK)
Santo Condorelli (Kenora)
Mack Darragh (OAK)
Kennedy Goss * (GGST)
Audrey Lacroix (ANM)
Brittany Maclean (ESWIM)
Sandrine Mainville (CAMO)
Kylie Masse (WEST/UT)
Martha McCabe (TSC)
Penny Oleksiak (TSC)
Erika Seltenreich-Hodgson (GO)
Evan VanMoerkerke (GMAC)
Michelle Williams (NYAC)
Chantal Van Landeghem (TSC)

2016 Paralympic Team:

Alexander Elliot (ROW)
Devin Gotell (LAC)
Gordie Michie (STJJ)
Nydia Langill (Ducks)
Tess Routliffe (DSSC)
Abi Tripp (Y Penguins)

Cindy first gained fame when, at 16, she swam across Lake Ontario, but she was best known for her record-setting solo crossings of the English Channel in the 1970s and 1980s. She remained very proud of the title of Queen of the Channel that was bestowed upon her when in 1977, she became the first woman to complete a non-stop, two-way crossing of the 33-kilometre Channel. Nicholas swam the Channel 19 times overall, including five two-way crossings, posting a best time of 18 hours 55 minutes in one of the two times she did it in 1982.

This is a great loss for our swimming community. Her legacy will live on for generations to come.

Nicholas was named to the Order of Canada in 1979, and she was inducted into Ontario's Aquatic Hall of Fame and Canada's Sports Hall of Fame in 1993.

Jennifer Button on Olympic & Para-swimming Trials in April 2016

"Every time I have the opportunity to attend an Olympic Trials or a national swim team meet I feel like I am a competing swimmer again. "

"My heart races, I get nervous for the athletes and I find myself screaming and cheering really loudly! The sport of swimming provides many highs and lows for the athletes and this is especially highlighted at the Olympic Trials qualifying meets as there are those that qualify and those heartbreaking swims that narrowly miss the selection time despite being a hard fought race."

"When you are standing amongst your alumni colleagues watching and cheering you can see it on all their faces that each one of us in that room had been in similar situations where they had not only achieved their goals of representing their country but also had experienced heartbreak of not achieving the goals you had set out for and worked so hard for."

"As a retired athlete, the part that I find most inspiring about cheering on the next generation is seeing how exciting this time in their lives is for them in the sport but mostly looking at my fellow former athletes and being extremely proud of the group of individuals I find myself surrounded by - doctors, lawyers, police personnel, paramedics, teachers, senior administrators in all sectors."

Jen added about Trials:

"This to me is what the sport of swimming stands for, in that the skills that were developed in the pool and helped us strive for excellence are the ones that stay with us for many years afterwards and are what help to keep us connected as a group."

Ontario Aquatic Hall of Fame Inductees for 2016

We have three inductions scheduled for this year's Ontario Aquatic Hall of Fame (OAHOF) celebration:

Pioneer Swimmer Gordon Kerr will be inducted posthumously.

Swimmers Stephanie Dixon and Jennifer Fratesi will also be formally admitted to the Hall.

The event will occur October 1, 2016 at the Toronto Airport Marriott Hotel.

Please contact Heather at heather@swimontario.com or 416-426-7222 to arrange tickets or for further information.

We encourage you to come support/recognize the inductees for 2016. Please contact Heather heather@swimontario.com or call 416-426-7222 for further information. Tickets are available for the dinner event.

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Ontario Aquatic Hall of Fame Inductees



2015

Keith Beavers - Swimmer
Mike Brown - Swimmer
Herb DeBray – Builder

2014

25th Ontario Aquatic Hall of Fame Celebration – No new inductees

2013

Danielle Campo - Swimmer
Ken Fitzpatrick - Swimmer
Ruth Kerr - Pioneer Swimmer

2012

Jen Button - Swimmer
Owen von Richter - Swimmer
Liz Warden – Swimmer

2011

Karin Helmstaedt - Swimmer
Marian Sweetnam – Builder

2010

Laura Nicholls - Swimmer
Dave Heinbuch - Swimmer/Builder
Sid & Marni Tatham - Diving

2009

Eddie Parenti - Swimmer
Julie Howard - Swimmer
Robert Braknis - Swimmer

2008

Mojca Cater - Swimmer
Elisabeth Walker - Swimmer
Jane Wright - Swimmer

2007

Peter Ward - Swimmer
Cheryl McArton-Ward - Swimmer
Jill Horstead - Swimmer

2006

Joanne Malar - Swimmer
Jim Shaw - Swimmer
Lea Bredschneider - Builder
(Swimming)

2005

William Kennedy - Swimmer
Tom Pinckard - Builder
(Swimming)

2004

Gerry Thomas - Builder
(Swimming)
John Jaremey - Swimmer
David Shemilt - Swimmer
Sam Di Pietro - Builder
(Water Polo)
Gaye Stratten - Builder
(Swimming)

2003

Fred Rams - Bob Secord Award
Kathy Bald - Swimmer
Stephen Clarke - Swimmer
Carlos Costa - Swimmer
Lori Melien - Swimmer
Robert Campbell - Builder
(Swimming)

2002

James Hood - Builder
(Swimming)
Kathy Richardson-Dingley - Swimmer
Patty Thompson-Bogumil - Swimmer
Tom Watson - Builder
(Water Polo)

2001

Ben Gazel - Pioneer Swimmer
Cindy Ounpuu-Yelle - Swimmer
Jocelyn Muir-Saunders -
Swimmer
Paul Pottier - Athlete Water
Polo
Gary Anderson - Swimmer

2000

George Duthie - Bob Secord
Award
George Burleigh - Pioneer
Swimmer
Paul Meronen - Builder
(Swimming)
Virginia Grant-Ridpath -
Swimmer
David McClinton - Athlete Water
Polo
Lisa Flood - Swimmer
Blair Hicken - Swimmer

1999

Dr. Paul Hauch - Distinguished
Service
Larry Tapp - Distinguished
Service
Dave Stirrup - Distingued
Service
Gerry Thomas - Distinguished
Service
Thomas Pinckard - Distingued
Service
Rob Campbell - Distinguished
Service
Doris Ogilvie-Bodrug - Pioneer
Diver
Nancy Robertson-Brawley -
Diver
Winnie Roach-Leuszler -
Swimmer
Claus Bredschneider - Swimmer
Nancy Sweetnam - Swimmer
Roy Gunell - Athlete/Builder
(Water Polo)
Alex Cranfield Sinclair - Builder
(Swimming)
Margaret Hutton - Pioneer
Swimmer

1998

Rosemary Dawson - Bob
Secord Award
Buck Dawson - Bob Secord
Award
Matt Mann II - Bob Secord
Award
Heather Gifford-Seaman -
Athlete/Builder (Water
Polo)
Janice Gilbey - Athlete
Builder (Water Polo)
Sean Murphy - Swimmer
Joann Baker-Anderson -
Swimmer
Allison Higson – Swimmer

1997

Fred Rams - Founder
Alexander Duff - Pioneer
Builder (Swimming)
George Gross Jr. -
Athlete/Builder (Water
Polo)
Reema Abdo - Swimmer
Philip Mindorff - Swimmer
Marcel Gery – Swimmer

1996

George Young - Pioneer
Swimmer
Beverley Boys - Diver
Jennifer Campbell -
Swimmer
Sandy Goss - Swimmer
Tom Hainey - Swimmer
Jane Kerr - Swimmer
Larry Tapp - Builder
(Swimming)
David Hart - Athlete/Builder
(Water Polo)

1995

Barry Nye - Bob Secord Award
Harry Class - Pioneer Diver
Louise Kennedy - Swimmer
Stephane Lecours - Swimmer
Michelle Macpherson - Swimmer
Mike West - Swimmer
Cressy McCatty - Builder (Swimming)
John Richardson - Builder (Swimming)
Robert Thompson - Athlete/Builder (Water Polo)

1994

Alf Phillips - Pioneer Diver
Betty Edwards - Pioneer Swimmer
William Puddy - Pioneer Swimmer
Sara Barber - Swimmer
Marilyn Corson - Swimmer
Clifford Barry - Builder (Swimming)

1993

Irene Pirie - Pioneer Swimmer
Bob Pirie - Pioneer Swimmer
Dr. Jenő Tihanyi - Builder (Swimming)
Dan Thompson - Swimmer
Cindy Nicholas - Swimmer
Cliff Lumsdon - Swimmer
Vicki Keith - Swimmer
Marilyn Bell - Swimmer

1992

Angela Coughlan - Swimmer
Carol Klimpel - Swimmer
George Larson - Pioneer Swimmer
Gus Ryder - Pioneer Builder

1991

Bill Sawchuck - Swimmer
Byron MacDonald - Swimmer
Harry Class - Pioneer Builder
Tommy Walker - Pioneer Builder
Nick Thierry - Builder (Swimming)

1990

Alex Baumann - Swimmer
Victor Davis - Swimmer
Anne Ottenbrite - Swimmer
Dr. Paul Hauch - Builder (Swimming)
Jack McCormick - Pioneer Builder
Michael Nagy - Builder (Swimming)
Jimmy Thompson - Pioneer Builder

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Showcases: we are looking for additional memorabilia – any HOF member who would like to donate or lend memorabilia to display at the Etobicoke Olympium may contact Heather Dwinell or one of the board members (listed on website) to make arrangements.

Nominations: submitting nominations with a link to the form and criteria is on the website

Ontario Aquatic Hall of Fame website

www.swimontario.com/page.php?id=1648