



Ontario Aquatic Hall of Fame Newsletter - January 2022

Ontario Aquatic Hall of Fame Inductees for 2021

Inductions planned for the 2021 Ontario Aquatic Hall of Fame (OAHOF) celebration, were held as a virtual event via zoom with Swim ON, on the evening of Saturday, October 5th.

Builder and Coach, **Murray Drudge** was celebrated and formally inducted into the Hall of Fame.

Builder and Coach, **Kevin Thorburn** was celebrated and formally inducted into the Hall of Fame.



Murray Drudge (left) and Kevin Thorburn (right), as per notices with Swim ON in February 2020, and April 2020, respectively

Induction Videos became available to view on Swim Ontario website via Connections link to OAHOF webpage, during and after the event of celebration held for [ON Aquatic Hall of Fame](#)

2021 FINA World Swimming Championships (25m)

Abu Dhabi, UAE (held December 16-21, 2021)

A number of Canadian swimmers had great performances and broke Canadian records at the FINA World Swimming Champs. (25m), held December 16-21, 2021 in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.



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Ontario Swimmers on World Swimming Championships (25m) Team:

Yuri Kisil,	Finlay Knox,
Josh Liendo,	Bailey Andison,
Tess Cieplucha,	Maggie MacNeil,
Kylie Masse,	Summer McIntosh,
Sydney Pickrem,	Kayla Sanchez



(Photographs and news courtesy of Swimming Canada)



Other Olympic Swimming News

Maggie MacNeil was named Best Female Athlete of Tokyo 2020 at the VII ANOC Awards, presented during the Association of National Olympic Committees General Assembly held October 2021 in Greece.

Association of National Olympic Committees, is an umbrella organization that represents the collective interests of the world's 206 NOCs. [ANOC Awards](#) were first presented in 2014 and in Olympic years they recognize achievements from the previous Olympic Games.

After her 2nd Olympics, Penny Oleksiak won a total of 7 medals (4 in Rio 2016 & 3 in Tokyo 2020) . Penny has become Canada's most decorated Olympian.



Daryle Martin is a Master Official with Swim ON and represents Canada on a FINA list.

Daryle represented Canada at this FINA World Swimming Champs (25m) in Abu Dhabi during December 2021.

Daryle is at the start end with Kayla Sanchez in this start lane picture and provided some comments:

“So very happy to have been able to attend World Swimming Championships in Abu Dhabi after a one year delay.

Such an honour to represent Swimming Canada as a Technical

Official at this event. To have a front row seat to watch the successes of our Canadian swimmers was an amazing opportunity.”



In addition to Daryle Martin participating at this FINA World Swimming Champs (25m), Louise Leblanc is Canada’s representative as a member of the FINA Technical Swimming Committee.

Both Daryle and Louise engaged as Technical Officials at this FINA World event.

2020 Paralympic Games – Swimming

Tokyo, Japan (held August 16 – September 3, 2021)

Paralympic results for the Swim Ontario athletes, with info. provided by Vicki Keith, for the OAHOF Newsletter.

Matthew Cabraja of the Cobra Swim Club was coached by Ian Roopnarine and Kim Inglis-Clarke. Matthew raced in the S11 50 free placing 9th, 400 free moving forward into finals where he placed 7th, 100 back placing 9th and 100 fly, where he advanced to finals and placed 5th. Matthew broke his Canadian record in prelims in the 100 fly in a time of 1:06.60 and then bettered that in finals in a time of 1:05.97.

Angela Marina of the Brantford Aquatic Club was coached by Paul Armstrong. Angela raced in the women's 200 free, qualifying for finals and placing 6th overall, the 100 back placing 10th, 100 breast placing 13th, 100 fly placing 11th and 200 IM where she finished in 12th position.

Abi Tripp of Kingston Y Penguins Swimming was coached by Vicki Keith. Abi won her heat in the 100 breaststroke with annual personal best time and was heading into finals in 2nd place. Unfortunately, she was disqualified and unable to move forward.

Abi also swam in the 4 x 100 m freestyle relay in the anchor position.



Aly Van Wyck-Smart from Variety Village was coached by Don Burton. The 18 year old athlete was representing Canada in her 2nd international event but in a new classification category. She raced the 100 free placing 14th and 50 back placing 12th

Zach Zona of the Norfolk Hammerheads and the Canadian High-Performance centre in Montreal, was coached by Mike Thomson. Zach competed in the S8 400 free finishing in 9th position just missing out on moving forward to the final.

“Aquatics Canada Aquatiques (ACA) is pleased to announce the 2021 ACA Award recipients recognizing the outstanding achievements and contributions of its athletes, coaches, officials, volunteers, staff, organizations and partners during the year 2021.”

At OAHOF, we would also like to congratulate all the recipients for their outstanding achievements and contributions to Canadian aquatic sports.

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Below are the recipients of the 2021 ACA Awards:

Male Athlete of the Year – Brent Hayden (Swimming)

Brent Hayden finished 9th in the men’s 50m Freestyle and led off the men’s 4x100m freestyle relay to a fourth-place finish at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games. Brent also became the oldest swimmer to swim sub 48 seconds in the 100m freestyle in history.

Female Athlete of the Year – Margaret Mac Neil (Swimming)

Margaret Mac Neil won three medals at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games including a gold medal in the 100m butterfly along with a silver in the 4x100m freestyle relay and bronze in the 4x100m medley relay.

Team of the Year – Jennifer Abel and Mélissa Citrini-Beaulieu (Diving)

In 2021, Jennifer Abel and Mélissa Citrini-Beaulieu won a silver medal in the 3m synchro event at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games and at the Tokyo 2021 World Cup.

Coach of the Year – Ben Titley (Swimming)

Ben Titley coached several medal-winning swimmers at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games, including the women’s 4x100m freestyle relay that won a silver and Margaret Mac Neil who won gold in the 100m butterfly. Ben coached Penny Oleksiak to three Olympic Medals in Tokyo, making her the most decorated Canadian Olympian with seven medals over two Olympic Games. Ben also coached Kylie Masse to silver medals in the

100m and 200m backstroke, continuing her streak of winning a medal in the 100m backstroke at every major championships and Games in which she has competed since 2015. Other athletes Ben coached were Kayla Sanchez, Rebecca Smith, Taylor Ruck, and Sydney Pickrem.

Officials Award of Excellence – Marie-Claude Deslières (Water Polo)

Marie-Claude was a referee at the Olympics in Tokyo in Water Polo. This was the third time she has represented Canada at the Olympics as a referee, a rare and exceptional accomplishment.

Volunteer of the Year – Cheryl Gibson (Past President of Swimming Canada’s Board of Directors and current FINA Bureau Member)

Cheryl Gibson was a long-time board member and President of Swimming Canada and has been a strong leader, advocate and builder for swimming and aquatics in Canada. Cheryl’s recent appointment to the FINA Bureau is a testament to her impact over the past several years and her ability to contribute to the advancement of the aquatic sports in Canada and internationally.

Sport Executive of the Year – John Atkinson (Swimming)

John Atkinson has been an advocate for sport in Canada throughout the pandemic. His work to draw attention to sport as an “essential service” has continued to put aquatics in the forefront. On top of this, John led Swimming Canada to achieve a 6-medal performance at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games, after Canada was one of the most negatively impacted countries due to shutdown of facilities. John continues to be a leader, both nationally and internationally, in the sport of swimming.

Media Award of the Year – Roseline Filion (Radio-Canada)

Roseline Filion, a two-time Olympic medalist, attended her first Olympic Games as a media representative at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games. Acting as the mixed-zone reporter for all aquatic events, she did a phenomenal job covering the results and highlighting the exceptional talent and efforts of every Canadian athlete. Back home, she covered the Paralympic Games daily on Radio-Canada’s morning show, where she followed Paralympic swimming with great enthusiasm.

President’s Honour Roll –

Lisa Schott (Artistic Swimming) – As the long-time president of ACA and the current Chair of FINA’s Technical Artistic Swimming Committee, Lisa has been heavily involved in the growth of Artistic Swimming both domestically and internationally, while also promoting the values of the ACA Board of Directors and its member NSOs. Lisa has contributed above and beyond to support the mission, vision and goals of ACA.

Conrad Hadubiak (Water Polo) – Conrad was President of Water Polo Canada for eight years (2013-2021) and a member of the Board for another four years (2009-2013). Through his term as President of Water Polo Canada, he offered stability and continuity which allowed the organization to become one of the best water polo organizations in the world, culminating this year with Canada’s participation in the Olympics for the first time since 2008. Conrad was a leader in the drive for safe sport and has put Water Polo Canada at the forefront of safe sport practice.

Ed Evelly (Swimming) – Ed volunteered 22 years and five terms with FINA’s Technical Master’s Committee. During his five terms with FINA, he spent one term as a member, two terms as the Honorary Secretary and two terms as the Chair. Ed has been a volunteer in aquatic sports for 38 years including four years as the President of Swimming Newfoundland and Labrador and 12 years on the Swimming Canada Board of Directors. He was also a member of Swimming Canada’s Executive Committee as the Vice President of Corporate Affairs for four years.



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Ontario Aquatic Hall of Fame Inductees / Members

2021

Murray Drudge – Builder (Swimming)
Kevin Thorburn – Builder (Swimming)

2020 – No new inductees (pandemic defer)

2019

Reg Chappell – Builder (Swimming)
Aaron Feltham – Water Polo Player

2018

Jenna Lambert – Swimmer
Dean Boles – Builder (Swimming)

2017

Adam Purdy – Swimmer
Irene MacLeay – Builder (Swimming)

2016

Stephanie Dixon – Swimmer
Jennifer Fratesi – Swimmer
Gordon Kerr – Pioneer Swimmer

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 McClintock – Athlete (Water Polo)
Lisa Flood – Swimmer
Blair Hicken – Swimmer

1999

Dr. Paul Hauch – Distinguished Service
Larry Tapp – Distinguished Service
Dave Stirrup – Distinguished Service
Gerry Thomas – Distinguished Service
Thomas Pinckard – Distinguished 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 Hailey – 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. Jenó 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 Sawchuk - 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 Karen Wilson karen@swimontario.com 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 [Aquatic Hall of Fame](http://www.swimontario.com/page.php?id=1648)

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