

ONTARIO AQUATIC HALL OF FAME

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**13th Annual
Induction Ceremony & Dinner**

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Ontario Aquatic Hall of Fame 2002 Induction Dinner

Welcome
Introduction of Guests
Grace
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Hall of Fame Video

Commencement of Inductions

Patty Thompson (Swimmer)

Tom Watson (Water Polo Builder)

James Hood (Builder)

Kathy Richardson (Swimmer)

Alumni Message
Closing Remarks



PATTY THOMPSON

Patty Thompson overcame early illness to swim for her father, Jimmy Thompson, Hamilton's legendary "Mr. Swimming". Even by age 7, the Hamilton Aquatic Club member was showing the determination and work ethic necessary to excel in freestyle and distance swimming.



Patty was a superb age grouper. From 1957 through 1966, she held provincial titles in all age groups. In 1962, she owned 19 Ontario records, including her 41.0 seconds in the 50yd Breast and the Individual Medley standards she set as a 10 and under.

Nationally, Patty had early success, placing 1st in the 440yd Medley Relay at the 1959 CASA championships and 8th in the 440yd Freestyle at PanAm Games Trials. In 1960, Patty was 3rd in the 400m Free and 6th in the 200m Free at Olympic Trials. At the 1961 Canadian Championships she finished 2nd in the 400yd IM and 3rd in the 400yd Free.

Patty's 1962 season was exceptional. At Commonwealth Games Trials, she was 1st in the 440yd Free, 2nd (to an American) in the 220yd Free, 4th in the 110yd Free and 6th in the 220yd Backstroke. At the Games in Perth, she won Silver in the 440yd Free Relay and Bronze in the Medley Relay. The 5 national Freestyle records that Patty set were in the 220yd and 440yd LC, and the 880 yd, 800m, and 1500m SC.

After second places in both the 200m and 400m Free at the 1963 Nationals, Patty became in 1964, the first Canadian woman to swim a LC 440yd Free, in less than 5 minutes. She repeated her Silver medal swims at Nationals and at the Olympic Games in Tokyo. Patty placed 7th in the 400m Free Relay.

As an amateur, Patty competed on 9 Canadian-American All-Star Teams. In addition to the Tokyo Olympics and Perth Commonwealths, she also represented Canada at meets in Mexico, Cuba, New Zealand and Europe.

While still competing, Patty began coaching in 1963 as an assistant to her father. Following his death in 1966, she became the Hamilton Aquatic Club's Head Coach, staying until 1967. Subsequent coaching positions took her to the Hamilton YWCA, Etobicoke Memorial Swimming Club, Burlington Sea Cadets, Alderwood Swim Club and the Alderwood Teddy Bares. She was a superior coach and teacher.

Patty turned to professional distance swimming. In 1969, she won all her races and was named Women's Professional Marathon Swimming Champion. Her overall placings were also impressive, as she was 7th in the 10-mile Labatt's Marathon in Hamilton, 3rd in the 17-mile Rhode Island Marathon and 4th in both the 12-mile Man and His World Marathon Swim in Montreal and the 24-hour Swim in Argentina. Her efforts also earned Patty induction into the Swimming Hall of Fame in Fort Lauderdale, Florida in 1971.

Next came Lake Ontario and Masters Swimming. Before retiring in 1996, Patty had won races at Canadian, American and International Championships, often in record time. Two years earlier, a monument, commemorating the athletes who swam across Lake Ontario, was unveiled at Niagara-on-the-Lake. It lists Patty's August 14, 1991, crossing, making her, at age 45, the oldest female ever to do so. Her 19 and 1/3 hour time was respectable for any age.

Patty has won many more swimming and coaching honours. She has received four Hamilton Civic Awards, the Alex Duff and Andy Reekie Memorial Trophies, a London "Y" AC trophy for her sub 5 minute 440yd Freestyle swim and a provincial achievement award for her swimming, coaching and teaching accomplishments. Patty has been Burlington Athlete of the Year, and even won a Silver medal for diving as a youngster.

Today, Patty lives with husband, Richard Bogumil, in St. Ann's and works as a real estate law clerk for a Toronto law firm.

The Ontario Aquatic Hall of Fame is proud to induct one of Ontario's outstanding swimmers, Patty Thompson Bogumil.

"Success can be measured in many ways. As thrilling as my personal achievements have been to me, perhaps my greatest pleasure has come from being able to encourage and inspire others to set goals and do their best."

