Anne B. Adams (USA) 2017 Honor Masters Swimmer

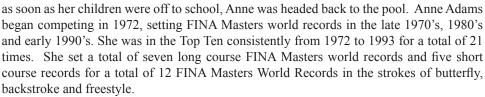


INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS (SWIMMER): World Points – 327, Pre-1986 Points – 575, Total Points - 902. Competed in 5 age groups (40-44 through 60-64). 12 FINA MASTERS WORLD RECORDS

As a teenager, Anne Adams swam for the great Hall of Fame coach, Walt Schlueter in the Chicago area. She was swimming at her country club, when a scout showed up and asked her if she'd like to swim for Coach Schlueter? Anne never dreamed that the girls she was swimming against as a teen, (girls like June Krauser and Gail Roper) would be the same women she would race against 50 years down the road in Masters swimming. When her high school years were over, and it was time to attend

college, there was no title IX. Anne had to do her best to try and keep in shape during the school year and then head home and try and compete at Nationals. Anne says that plan didn't work out so well.

Anne eventually married and had children, and



Adams could swim every stroke, from 50 to 1500m. She was best at the butterfly, but the freestyle was her favorite, as were the long distances. She was NOT a sprinter, she says.

Prior to the development of United States Masters Swimming, Anne met Ransom Arthur in San Antonio, Texas. Ransom and Anne discussed the possibility of Masters Swimming and Arthur asked Adams if she would help. Anne's response was, "If you get the AAU to approve Masters Swimming, I'll be here to give you all the help you need!"

Anne competed in five different age groups, beginning in the 40-44 age group and finishing her career in the 60-64 age group. Ann attended and competed in two FINA Masters World Championships in 1986 and 1988, winning a total of eight gold, two silver and one bronze in the backstroke, butterfly and freestyle events.

Anne was an All-American 20 times, beginning in 1972, in the 40-44 age group in the freestyle, breaststroke and I.M. She continued as an All-American almost every year in numerous events, all the way through the end of her swimming career in 1991 (60-64 age group). Adams was also an open water swimmer, winning individual All-American status in long distance events in 1978, 1979 and 1990.

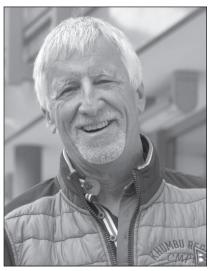


Adams says the best part about Masters swimming was always looking forward to the big meets, like Nationals, knowing you would get to see old friends, some who you've known and swam against for most of your life!

Frieder Class (GER) 2017 Honor Masters Water Polo-Player | Coach | Contributor



INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS: 12 FINA WORLD **MASTERS** CHAMPIONSHIPS: (PLAYER & COACH) 7 gold, 3 silver, 3 bronze; 1996 WORLD MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS: silver (player); 1998 MASTERS **CHAMPIONSHIPS:** WORLD (player); WORLD MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS: silver (player); 2002 WORLD MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS: gold (player); 2006 WORLD MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS: 5th. (player & coach). 2008 WORLD MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS: bronze (player & coach); 2010 WORLD MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS: 2 gold (player & coach), 2012 WORLD MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS: 4th 60+ (player & coach), gold 65+ (coach); 2014 WORLD MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS: gold (player & coach); 2015 WORLD MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS: 4th (player & coach). bronze 60+ (coach); 2017 WORLD CASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS: bronze (70+); 7 EUROPEAN MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS: 2 gold, 1 silver, 1 bronze (player), 2 gold, 1 silver (coach); 1996 INITIATED 1ST GERMAN MASTER WATER POLO CHAMPIONSHIPS; 22 GERMAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS (player & coach): 17 gold, 12 silver, 5 bronze; ORGANIZER OF GERMAN MASTER WATER POLO CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR 20 YEARS.





Frieder Class, a retired police officer, started playing water polo at the age of 11. He is still playing today at the age of 56 and hopes to continue his water polo career for a very long time. Class says water polo is his passion, second only to his wife. He has left his mark on water polo, as a player, coach and as an organizer/contributor.

He began his international Masters water polo career in 1996. He has won seven gold, three silver and two bronze medals in 12 different FINA Masters World Championships, both as a player and a coach.

In 1996, the Masters Section Committee of the German Swimming Federation asked him to invite entries for a German Masters Water Polo Championship. The first championship had just two participants, both of

them in the 30+ age group. They were the teams of Jan Wellem Dusseldorf and SV Cannstatt. The year 1996 marked the beginning of Masters Water Polo for Germany.

Since then, Class has been the organizer, and also participant, in all of the German Masters Water Polo Championships. In June, 2017 the 22nd Championships took place in the city of Hamburg. What started out with two teams in 1996, has grown dramatically over the years. In 2017, there were 25 clubs with 43 teams, among them four women teams, in nine different age groups, resulting in a three-day tournament with 76 matches.

Class has had a lot of success as a player and as a coach, but also some bitter defeats and disappointments. Class believes the defeats and disappointments were just as important as the victories, because only the best deserve the glory.



Edward Evelly (CAN) 2017 Honor Masters Swimming Contributor



INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS: CHAIRMAN FINA MASTERS COMMITTEE (8 years); BOARD MEMBER SWIMMING CANADA & SWIMMING SA; MEMBER OF FINA MASTERS TECHNICAL COMMITTEE; OFFICER AND REPRESENTATIVE TO FINA AND UANA; BOARD LIAISON NATATION CANADA, 2004 PRESIDENT'S AWARD (Swimming/Natation CAN); 2004 SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD (Swimming/Natation CAN); 2006 PRESIDENTS AWARD (Masters Swimming CAN), 2015 HUD STEWART AWARD; 2015 MOUNT PEARL SPORTS HALL OF FAME (Builder), 2016 SPECIAL APPRECIATION CERTIFICATE FOR COMMITMENT AND DEDICATION TO THE SPORT OF MASTERS SWIMMING IN CANADA AS A DIRECTOR

Ed Evelly's commitment to aquatics began in 1981. Volunteering at swim competitions quickly turned into officiating, serving as various club committee chairs and executive positions that eventually lead to becoming President of Swimming Newfoundland and Labrador (SNL) in 1990. In 1991, Ed was also appointed as a Provincial Representative to the Board of Directors/Natation Canada (SNC), and soon the Chairman of the Finance Committee, the Athletes Reserve Fund, and of the Membership Committee.





Ed then took his love of Masters Swimming to another level and becoming Canada's Board Liaison to the Committee of the SNC, responsible for Masters Swimming Canada (MSC). At that time, MSC was simply a committee of SNC. Ed worked diligently with the Chairman of that committee, Alex Herman from Nova Scotia, to structure the first Constitution and Bylaws and finally encourage SNC that MSC should become an independent autonomous body associated to FINA by membership in SNC Aquatics Canada. Ed remained in the role of liaison between SNC and MSC and helped grow the new Masters organization in the coming years. He eventually was elected to the Board of Directors of Masters Swimming Canada

in 2003, while at the same time, serving in international Masters roles with UANA (Union Americana de Natacion) and FINA (Federation Internationale Natacion de Amateur).

From 1997 to 2002, Ed remained on the Board of Directors of SNC and was Vice President that these policies were adopted for Masters.

of Corporate Affairs and Community Services and successfully implemented Swim Canada's first Gender Equity Plan. He also wrote and implemented Swim Canada's first Harassment and Abuse Policies, preparing much of the resource material specific for Swim Canada's needs. Ed was recognized for his efforts with Harassment and Abuse Policies by the Canada Centre for Sport and Law. In addition, Ed worked diligently with MSC, to see

From 2000-2002, Ed successfully led a governance review for Swimming Natation Canada of all board, volunteer and staff processes resulting two years later in the reduction of the board of directors from a 24-member operations board to a policy board of nine members.

The staff review in the ensuing years resulted in the hiring of a new Executive Director and coaching staff. Ed left the board of directors in 2002 to concentrate on Masters, specifically UANA, FINA and MSC. In 2001, Ed received an appointment to two international sports governing bodies. He was first appointed and remains a member of UANA the body responsible for all aquatic disciplines for the Americas. In UANA, Ed has worked with the Masters committee to see the UANA Pan American Championships grow from its first championships in the Dominican Republic, to a multi-discipline event inclusive of the FINA disciplines that attracted 3,000 competitors from the UANA nations. Ed remains Vice-Chairman of the UANA Masters Committee.

In 2001, Ed was also appointed to the Masters Technical Committee of FINA, where from 2005-2009, he served as honorary secretary. In 2009, he was appointed Chairman and is currently in his second term, ending in 2017.

Under Ed's direction as Chairman, the FINA Masters Technical Committee has introduced many new processes to ensure support for the organizing committees of FINA World Masters Championships. Ed helped developed many of the procedures, plans and protocols which help make running this event and others like it much easier.

Ann Hirsch (USA) 2017 Honor Masters Swimmer



INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS (SWIMMER): World Points – 732, Pre-1986 Points- 87. Total Points - 819. Since 1987, she has competed in 9 age groups (45-49 through 85 - 89); 12 FINA MASTERS WORLD RECORDS; 2016 Pacific Masters swimmer of the Year, not only in age group, but among the entire organization.; 40 All American and 12 USMS All Star rankings.

Ann Hirsch began swimming at the age of five, at her local country club in Kirkwood, MO, a suburb of St. Louis. As her parents golfed, Ann learned to swim. She had no coach, and basically just watched the others and emulated them. Her love of swimming continued as her family moved to Washington, D.C. and finally to Honolulu for her high school years. Ann was lucky enough to be invited to join the Hawaii Swim Club, coached by the great ISHOF Honor Coach Soichi Sakamoto after she beat the top breaststroker in 1948. She even had a chance to attend the Olympic Trials but her father believed in education, putting swimming on the back burner, as she attended college in San Francisco.



Like many Masters swimmers, there was a gap in swimming in Ann's life. She eventually married and had three children, who all played varsity sports, none were swimmers. It was in 1975, after the children were grown that Ann found the San Mateo Marlins. She says as soon as she began swimming again, it was as if she had never left.



In 1987, she joined the Walnut Creek Masters, training harder under the direction of many coaches. During Hirsch's 40 years of competing, she has been in the Top Ten for a total of 37 years, missing the Top Ten only twice. She has set four long course and eight short course FINA Masters World Records in the breaststroke and the I.M.

In world rankings since 1986, she has a total of 43- number 1, 91number 2 and 110- number 3 world rankings in the breaststroke, freestyle, butterfly and the I.M. Ann competed in the 2006 FINA World Championships, winning four gold and one silver medal.

Hirsch has competed in nine age groups since 1987, (45-49 through 85-89) and has set 12 FINA Masters World Records. She was selected 2016 Pacific Masters Swimmer of the Year, not only in her age group, but in the entire organization. She has 40 All-American and 12 USMS All-Star rankings.

Ann says swimming has been very therapeutic throughout her life, as she faced many challenges; the death of her son in 1992, a diagnosis with ulcerative colitis, subsequent rotator cuff surgeries, and in 2016, a broken neck, from an automobile accident. She was in a neck brace for 12 weeks and wondered if she would ever swim again. Her USMS teammates and fellow swimmers, rallied round, visiting, sending words of encouragement, sending pictures and results from swim meets, which meant a great deal to Ann. In March 2017, at the age of 86, she got back in the water and she said, nothing ever felt so good!



Grete Peschek Kugler (AUT) 2017 Honor Masters Diver



INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS (DIVER): 1988 FINA MASTERS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: 3 gold (1m, 3m, 10m*); 1989 WORLD MASTERS GAMES: 3 gold (1m*, 3m*, 10m); 1990 FINA MASTERS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: 3 gold (1m, 3m, 10m*); 1994 FINA MASTERS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: 2 gold (1m*, 10m*), 1 silver (3m); 1996 FINA MASTERS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: 2 gold (3m*, 10m), 1 silver (1m); 1998 FINA MASTERS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: 2 gold (1m, 3m), 1 silver (10m); 2004 FINA MASTERS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: 2 gold (1m*, 10m*), 1 silver (3m); 2008 FINA MASTERS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: 2 gold (3m*, 10m*), 1 silver (1m); 2010 FINA MASTERS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: 3 gold (1m, 3m, 10m); 2012 FINA MASTERS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: 2 bronze (1m, 10m); 2014 FINA MASTERS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: 3 gold (1m, 3m, 10m); 2015 FINA MASTERS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: gold (3m), 1 silver (1m); 2017 FINA MASTERS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: bronze (3m) *(denotes record set)





Grete Peschek Kugler was born in the

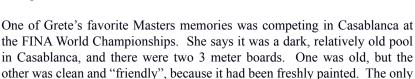
beautiful city of Vienna, Austria, 1953 and loves the sport of diving! She has been a member of the Schwimmunion Wien since 1968, at the age of 16. Grete was a teacher in the information/technology field, but is happily retired now so she has more time to dedicate to diving!

In her hometown of Vienna, Kugler is responsible for organizing all competitions, such as nationals, Vienna championships and international competitions. In addition to being a member of the FINA Technical Diving Committee, Grete is the Speaker of the Judges Subcommittee.

Grete is also involved with coaching in Vienna. They are now a team of 10+ divers, who competed in Budapest at the recent 2017 FINA Masters World Championships. Grete has been attending and competing in FINA World Championships since her first, in Brisbane, Australia, 1988.

At age 63, she has competed in six age groups, 35-39 through 60-64. At the FINA Masters World

Championships, Grete has won 23 gold medals (7-1 meter, 8-3 meter and 8-10 meter), five silver medals (3-1 meter, 2-3 meter, 1-10 meter) and two bronze medals (1-1 meter and 1-10 meter) for a total of thirty medals in international competition. At the 1989 World Masters Games, Grete won gold on the 1 meter, 3 meter and platform, and she has set nine FINA World Records in her diving career.





problem was, it was slippery, and we had some accidents. Suddenly someone had the idea to dive with socks on! And it worked. It was a funny and very effective solution. It was the first socks diving World Championships!

Kugler is not only a competitor in the sport of diving, but also a contributor and organizer. In 1998, she was named to the FINA Technical Diving Committee by LEN. Since 1998, she has been the one chiefly responsible for diving in Austria and is a FINA Bureau Member of the Austrian Swimming Committee.

Danielle Ogier (USA)2017 Honor Masters Swimmer



INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS (SWIMMER): World Points-873, Pre 1986 Points-0. Total Points 873. Since 1990, she has competed in 6 age groups (35-39 through 60-65); 20 FINA MASTERS WORLD RECORDS

Danielle Ogier was born at the Portsmouth Virginia Naval Hospital in September, 1952. Her father, Commander Herbert L. Ogier, Jr., was an officer in WWII, in charge of commanding destroyers, but more importantly, he was a record holder in the breaststroke and taught Danielle to swim.

Danielle began swimming competitively at age 11 with the Lakewood YMCA Tarpons, and later with the Lakewood Aquatic Club, in Long Beach, California. Danielle was coached by Jim Montrella during the Long Beach years, from 1963-1966.

In 1966, Commander Ogier was transferred to Houston, Texas. The family moved, but very reluctantly. However, there was one very big bright spot that came with the move: Danielle was able to train at the DADS swim club under Hall of Fame Coach Richard Quick. Unfortunately, Danielle's AAU swimming career ended in high school.





In 1989, after a long break, Danielle began training again, competing in just a few triathlons, before a running injury cut it short.

In 1990, Danielle discovered Masters Swimming at the DADS Club in Houston, where she and her Dad began training and competing in swim meets. Her first meet was in May of that year at USC and she won her very first race. Her swimming success followed her to the 1990 Woodlands Long Course Nationals where she helped DADS Club Masters to a third place overall finish.

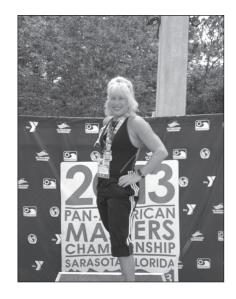
Danielle also tackled open water swimming, swimming Lake Minnetonka in 1993 during the Minneapolis LC Nationals. She then swam the Maui Channel Relay Swim with her Dads Club teammates, an event she has continued to swim for many years.

Danielle moved back

to California and began swimming with the Stanford Masters, where she says her swimming improved with Coach Ross Gerry. In 1995, she joined the Olympic Club and swam for Doug Huestis. That same year, Danielle attended the USMS Short Course Nationals, where she won the 100 I.M. In 1996, She also attended the 1997 Pan Pacific Championships, 1998 World Championships in Casablanca, and the 2002 World Championships in Christchurch.

Danielle has competed in four FINA World Championships since 1992, winning 14 gold, one silver and one bronze medals. She has been in the Top Ten 20 times since 1990 and has set six long course and 14 short course FINA Masters World Records in the I.M., freestyle and breaststroke. She has 601 USMS Top Ten swims since 1990 and 102 Relay Top Ten swims.

Danielle says swimming is truly the largest part of her life and vows to get back in competition shape.



Yoshi Oyakawa (USA) 2017 Honor Masters Swimmer



INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS (SWIMMER): World Points-634, Pre 1986 Points-11, Total Points-645; Since 1974, he has competed in 9 age groups (40-44 through 80-84). 27 FINA MASTERS WORLD RECORDS.

Yoshinobu Oyakawa, born on the Kona side of the big island of Hawai'i, was a swimming stand-out at Hilo High School and continued his career of swimming though his college years at the Ohio State University under the great Hall of Fame Coach, Mike Peppe. While Oyakawa was attending Ohio State, he made his first Olympic team at the age of 19. He represented the United States of America, when he travelled to Helsinki, Finland in 1952. Yoshi did not disappoint. He won the gold medal in the 100m backstroke.

In 1956, Oyakawa again made the Olympic team, where, along with Ford Konno, he was elected co-captain of the US team. At that time, he was also a 2nd Lt. in the United States Air Force.



Yoshi is considered to be the last of the great "straight-arm-

pull" backstrokers, and was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame as an Honor Swimmer in 1973. Now, 44 years later, Yoshi is again being recognized by ISHOF, but this time, for his career in Masters swimming.

Swimming has always been a big part of Oyakawa's life. Growing up in Hawaii, Yoshi says, the ocean, the rivers and the pool at the Naval Air Station made swimming an everyday occurrence for him. So, when Ransom Arthur started Masters Swimming in the 1970's, Yoshi says he was first in line!

Even though Oyakawa started swimming Masters in the early 1970's, he didn't seriously pursue it until 1985. He has been in the Top Ten for a total of 28 times. He has set a total of 27 FINA Masters World Records, 13 long course and 14 short course meters, all of them in the backstroke. He has competed in three FINA Masters World Championships, winning eight gold, two silver and one bronze medal in the backstroke and freestyle events.

Yoshi says that Buster Crabbe once told him many years ago that swimming was the BEST SPORT and the people involved became your BEST FRIENDS! HOW TRUE, Yoshi says!!



Silke Hohlstein Terwesten (GER) 2017 Honor Masters Synchronized Swimmer



INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS (SYNCHRO): 10 FINA MASTERS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS (1994 – 2015): 13 medals (10 gold, 3 silver); 4 EUROPEAN MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS (2007-2014): 5 medals (3 gold, 2 silver)

Silke Hohlstein was born in the small town of Willich, in the North Rhine-Westphalia region of Germany near Dusseldorf. She was the middle daughter of three girls, who was a speed swimmer, like many German girls, until one day when she saw the pointed toes of a German National team member coming out of the water and heard the Intermezzo from Cavalleria Rusticana...She was hooked and says it was that moment that she fell in love with the sport.



She began practicing with her older sister, Kirsten at the age of eight. They became duet partners. She was on the Junior National Team by the age of ten. With no synchronized swimming coach



nearby, her mother taught them everything they needed to know, eventually even becoming a FINA judge. Her father had to construct the loudspeakers, as they could not afford the underwater speakers. As you would expect, her younger sister began swimming synchro too, and all three became National Team Members. As the family travelled the world, attending meets and championships, they became known in the synchro world as the "Hohlstein Family" and the girls as "the Hohlstein Sisters".

Eventually, Silke's older sister, became pregnant, so Silke's younger sister, Birte had to step up and fill the duet role. Silke and Birte become one unit from that day on.

In 1992, Silke was involved in a terrible car accident. She had to be brought back to life twice, was in a coma for a week and was told she would never walk again. Silke fell into a deep depression and felt without synchronized swimming she had nothing to live for. Birte came to the hospital, gave Silke a Canadian one piece cent, and told her about something called Masters Swimming. She told her about the upcoming Masters World Championships in 1994 in Montreal, Canada. She gave Silke a goal and a reason to get out of bed, a reason to fight and to get back in the pool. And that's just what she did. From that moment, Silke got back into the pool and was practicing with Birte as much as she possibly could.

Silke and Birte travelled to Montreal in 1994 and became the gold medalists in the duet competition in the 25-29 age group! That was the start of their second synchronized swimming career. Since then, they have been loyal Masters swimmers.



Silke has attended ten FINA Masters World Championships (1994-2015), has won 13 medals, ten gold, and three silver. She has attended four European Masters Championships and has won five medals, three gold and two silver.

Last year, on Silke's 50th birthday (2016) she was diagnosed with cancer. Silke says again, she thought she might give up, but Birte brought her a video of well wishes from all her Masters friends from around the world, giving her the motivation to do it all again!

Silke was too weak to attend the World Championships in Budapest this past August, but is planning to swim in South Korea in 2019!

Hugh Wilder (USA) 2017 Honor Masters Swimmer

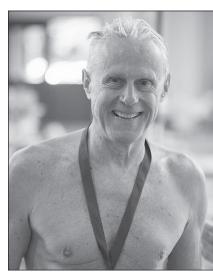


INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS (SWIMMER): World Points-668, Pre 1986 Points-0. Total Points 668. Since 1990, he has competed in 6 age groups (45-49 through 70-74); 25 FINA MASTERS WORLD RECORDS, USMS NATIONAL RECORDS: 50m, 100m, 200m backstroke

Swimming has always been the center of Hugh Wilder's life: presenting challenges in the pool; helping him deal with challenges on dryland; teaching the importance of health and fitness, commitment and discipline; becoming lifelong friends with lanemates and coaches; discovering the rewards of following one's passion and simply providing joy in the water.

Hugh's father and brother were competitive swimmers and have always been an inspiration to him. One of his earliest swimming memories is from a sports camp he participated in at Ohio State University in the early 1950's, when Olympic champion named Yoshi Oyakawa demonstrated the backstroke for awestruck nine year olds.

As a Masters swimmer, Hugh was thrilled as he recognized Yoshi's beautiful backstroke 40 years later at a USMS National Championship meet.





He swam (and studied Philosophy) at Denison University. After twenty years out of the pool, focusing on raising children and establishing his career, he found Masters swimming in 1990. In 1992, his parents watched "one more age group meet", the Indianapolis FINA World Championships, seeing him set his first FINA Masters World Record.

Over the last 26 years, Wilder has set 25 Masters world records in six age groups (45-49 through 70-74), most recently setting two in August 2017 at the USMS Long Course Nationals. He currently holds a total of six world records. Two of his current world records (50m backstroke long and short course) in the 65-69 age group are faster than the ones he set in the 60-64 age group.

Hugh was the first person over 60 to swim the 100yd backstroke in under 60 seconds, setting the USMS national record of 59.29 in 2008. In 2013, he became the first and so far the only person over 65 to swim the 100yd back in under 60 seconds (59.62).

Since 1990, Hugh has been in the Top Ten, 26 times, only missing the Top Ten, once in 26 years. In world rankings since 1990, he has 36-number 1, 13-number 2, 9-number 3 long course and 28-number 1, 16-number 2, and 17-number 3 short course for a total of 64-number 1, 29-number 2, and 26-number 3 total world rankings. Wilder has competed in three FINA World Championships since 1992, winning four gold, one silver and two bronze medals.

Hugh retired in 2010 as a professor of Philosophy, teaching sports ethics, among other topics, from Miami University and the College of Charleston. In addition to Masters swimming, Hugh looks forward to spending his spare time at more age-group swim meets, watching his nine-year old grandson, the newest Wilder family swimmer!

