

# INTERNATIONAL HALL OF FAME

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## Bill Bowness USA

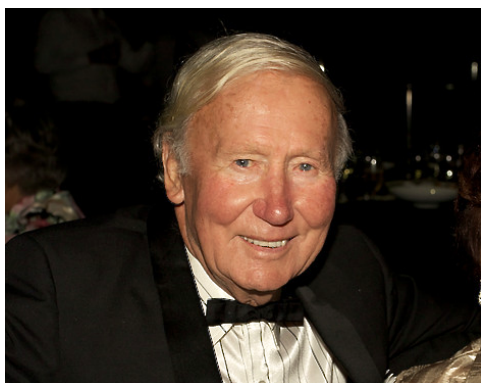
To say that Bill Bowness won nine individual World Championship gold medals, is a six time World Record holder and a nine time member of the US Disabled Waterski team, does not really do him justice ! By any standards, his contribution



on so many levels has been quite extraordinary. He was also a seven-time US National Overall Champion, a past manager of the gold medal US team in 2009 and held the World Jump Record for five years. 'And again, that is only a part of his achievements. Off the water, Bill's contributions to our sport include 26 years as President of the IWWF PanAm Confederation Disabled Skiers Council, 25 years as Representative of the IWWF Athletes Advisory Council and for 10 years a Board Director of USA Water Ski. He is a past Skier of the Year and Athlete of the Year, still coaches Disabled Skiers at his Unlimited Skiing Waterski School and has even been an advisor to Western Australia's Minister of Sports and Recreation. Somehow Bill also found time to snow ski in the Winter X Games, is a traveling Clinician for adaptive snow ski programmes in Korea and Spain, plays Sled Hockey, Kyaks and also enjoys Nordic skiing.

## Ron Fergusson AUS

Devoting a lifetime to our sport is no exaggeration in the case of Australia's Ron Fergusson. For 35 years, as a member of both the IWWF Executive Board and as a member of the IWWF Technical Committee, Ron has played a key role at our sport's leading edge at international level. For 17 years, he was Technical Chairman of Australia's Tournament, Barefoot, Kite, Ski Racing and Disabled Waterski disciplines. He has also judged at no less than nine World Waterski Championships and two World Disabled Waterski Championships. He has conducted



Judging Seminars over the years in all of Australia's States, and also in China, Korea, Indonesia, Japan, New Zealand, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Hong Kong and Chinese Taipei. He has been a Moomba Masters Committee Member for 28 years and a Moomba Masters judge for 16 years. He was Chief Judge at the Asian Australasian Championships for 20 years and was inducted into both the Hall of Fame of Australia and also AsiaAustralasia.

## **Lucky Lowe USA**

Just about everybody in our sport knows the name Lucky Lowe ! Few know that his birth name is actually Carlton Wayne. Seven years later he was already a Waterski competitor. His first of no less than forty US National Championships



was in 1970. Within another four years he was both National Overall and Jump Champion. With coaching help from Jim McCormick, he became a US Elite Waterski Team member, going on to take World Championships medals in 1985, 1989, 1991 and 1993. Many still recall the great 1991 Finals drama at the Villach Austria Worlds. With an extraordinary Slalom three-way tie between Andy Mapple GBR, Mike Kjellander SWE and Luck Lowe, he had to beat two of the

greatest Slalom Skiers ever. Coming last off the dock, he created history by being the oldest ever to take a World Championships gold medal for the first time. Lucky also competed in 14 US Masters and held the Robin Lake Course Jump Record from 1985 to 1989. He was inducted into the AWSEF Hall of Fame in 2009. Running his own Ski School for over 20 years, he has also coached Collegiate Teams throughout the US.

## **Toni Neville AUS**

Before retiring eleven years ago in 2002, throughout the 1990's, Toni Neville was rarely off the Podium at so many major Slalom or Jump events around the world. She dominated Slalom at Australia's Moomba Masters for a period of seven

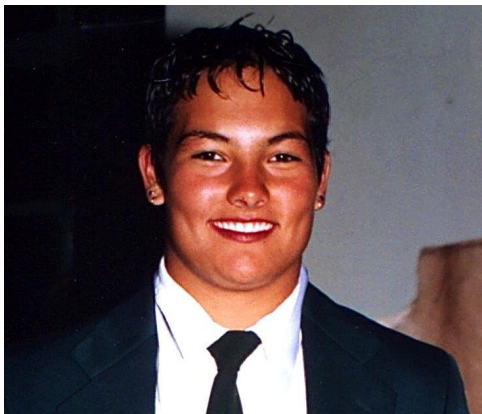


years from 1991 to 1998. In 1997 and 1999 she set World Waterski Championships Records in both Slalom and Jump. She then made history in the year 2000 by being the first female Waterskier ever to Jump more than 200ft. when she established the first Women's Ski-Fly World Record of 66.6m / 219ft. As both a US Masters and Moomba Masters Champion, her tally of four World

Championships Medals and four World Jump Records, established her as the best Jumper of the day. In securing eleven major international titles in that 1990's decade including breaking Australia's National Slalom Record four times, her status as an international star is now part of the history of our sport.

## **Nadine de Villiers RSA**

The family name of de Villiers for many really means Barefoot Waterskiing ! Nadine, Andre and Zane have made an extraordinary impact – and none more



than Nadine. By the age of 17, she had already captured three Girls World Barefoot Records - and this was just the beginning. In what was then the Europe Africa MiddleEast Waterski Championships, she went on to take nine gold medals between 1997 and 2001, dominating in Slalom, Tricks and Jump. In the Barefoot World Championships between 1998 and 2002, she won a total of seven Gold Medals and two Silver Medals. In the

1997 World Games in Lahti Finland and again in 2001 in Akita Japan, again she took the gold medals home to South Africa. In all of this era, World Records were demolished by this extraordinary athlete. In one four-year period, she set eight World Barefoot Records – two in Slalom, two in Jump and four in Tricks. Along the way, her Trick score of 4,400 points got her into the Guinness Book of Records where she was also listed as scoring a record seventeen Wake Crossings in 30 seconds. Her 2001 World Slalom Record still remains unbeaten today.