



## George Park, Honor Swimmer, Canada, 2015



Honoree Dennis Matuch on the left and George Park on the right

[Personal Website](#)

**George Park** was a swimmer and water polo player for the Hamilton Aquatic Club. He set Canadian records in the 50m and 100m freestyle and butterfly and qualified to be a member of the 1954 and 1958 British Empire and Commonwealth Games. He anchored two 2nd place finish relays and came 4th in the 100m freestyle. He won a silver medal in the 1955 Pan American Games in Mexico City in 100m freestyle and competed in the 1956 Melbourne Olympic Games. Park also competed in the 1968 14.1-mile race in Narragansett, Rhode Island where he encountered a Great White Shark. In the famous 1964 CNE 32 mile race, he completed 26 miles and was 3<sup>rd</sup> after Honoree Abdellatief Abou Heif (the only finisher) and Judith de Nijs and ahead of Greta Andersen. He also completed a 9-mile swim across the Northumberland Straits from Cape Tormentine to Borden on Prince Edward Island. He competed in the 28-mile Saguenay River in 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967 and 1968 and the 16 km (10-mile) Hamilton Marathon Swim. In the 1964 race that started in Chicoutimi, Quebec, Canada, he finished in 9 hours and 18 minutes, two hours ahead of the second place finisher. His team took second in the 24 Hours La Tuque in 1966. Park was ranked 10th in 1964, 7th in 1966, 4th in 1967, and 6th in 1968 in the World Professional Marathon Swimming Federation rankings.

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