



William "Bill" Goll, Honor Swimmer, United States of America, 2011



Videos (please help if you can find any)

William "Bill" Goll raced at the top level over 3 decades. In 8 Canadian National Exhibition races between 1931 and 1954, he took 2nd place 3 times and 3rd once. He finished second in the 1930 Manhattan Island Marathon Swim. In the later stages of his career, Bill also completed 5 times in the 36.6 km race around Atlantic City in New Jersey between 1954 and 1959, always finishing in the top 10, despite being between 47 and 51 years old.

To make ends meet, he traveled as a high diver with a carnival during the Great Depression between 1935-1939. He was selected under a label "Honor Pioneer Swimmer", however in 2017 the IMSHOF Executive Committee agreed that this was simply a selection mechanism and he is therefore listed an Honor Swimmer.

[Expanded Biography \(Openwaterpedia\)](#)

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