



## George Park, Honor Swimmer, Canada, 2015



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

[Personal Website](#)

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**George Park** raced from 1963 to 1970 in the big Canadian and Atlantic City races. He completed the Lac St-Jean race 4 times; Lac Simon 2 times and Saguenay 3 times. He swam 14.7 km across the Northumberland Straits from Cape Tormentine to Borden on Prince Edward Island. In the 1964 CNE 51.5 km race, there were 4 still swimming after halfway. George completed 41.8 miles and was 3<sup>rd</sup> after Abdellatif Abou Heif (the only finisher) and Judith de Nijs and ahead of Greta Andersen. His team took second in the 24 Hours La Tuque 2-person relay 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.

George set Canadian records in the 50 meters and 100 meters 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 100 meters freestyle. He won a silver medal in the 1955 Pan American Games in México City in 100 meters freestyle and competed in the 1956 Melbourne Olympic Games.

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