



Gus Ryder, CM, Honor Coach, Canada, 1981



Gus with IMSHOF Honoree Marilyn Bell

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Gus Ryder, CM swimmers achieved national and international success including IMSHOF Honorees Marilyn Bell and Cliff Lumsdon, CM. He founded Lakeshore Swimming Club in 1930 and was named Canada's Man of the Year in 1955 and was named to the Order of Canada in 1975 for his work teaching children with disabilities.

Gus swam in several of Toronto's across-the-bay long distance races. In 1917, while playing hockey in Toronto, he rescued two players who had fallen through the ice before himself being trapped under the ice. He recalled that this was when he dedicated his life to swimming. Later, he was credited with 47 lifesaving rescues.

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