



**Val Parsons, Honor Administrator, Great Britain,  
1990**



Val with her husband IMSHOF Honoree Roger Parsons  
Personal Website (None known)

**Val Parsons** was one of England's premier marathon swimmers: swam 43 races, female winner in 38 and beat all men in 17. Upon her retirement, Val turned her efforts to the administration of the sport and eventually became the Honorary Chairman of the British Long Distance Swimming Association. Val assisted the Lake Windermere International 25 km swim held every four years. When FINA relaxed its rules on professionalism, Val and her husband IMSHOF Honoree Roger Parsons established a FINA World Series of Marathon Swimming. The Parsons established the World Series of Marathon Swimming. She and Roger received The Irving Davids/Captain Roger W. Wheeler Memorial Award from the International Swimming Hall of Fame in 2004 for their contribution to the administration of open water swimming.

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