

Grant Hammond Participation Award

Mid Can Masters Swim Club

Grant passed away on April 1, 1989. For those who knew him personally, his death leaves a sadness that will always be present. A virtual non swimmer until his mid 20s, Grant worked his way up through the swimming levels eventually taking his NLS Award for lifeguarding and throwing himself into Masters competitions.

Grant Hammond liked people. He had a knack for making people feel comfortable around him at first encounter. He was always curious and always interested in people. Grant brought a caring quality to everything he did. Sometimes he brought a specific skill but he always brought an honest enjoyment in meeting and working with others.

Grant was an original member of the Mid Can Masters Swim Club back in the summer of 1981. He was a presence in the pool and was always determined to finish the last "50" in a set or the final length of the workout.

Grant found time to work as a member of the team's executive in a variety of capacities, designed the present day Club logo and was a permanent fixture and unofficial leader of the Mid Can Masters "Breakfast Club" which gathered at a local restaurant after practice every Saturday morning. In this setting, he was equally comfortable talking about modern day architectural wonders, world travel, art, literature or politics of the day.

It's not surprising that he was so involved in the community: President of Mid Can Masters Swim Club, owner of his own architectural firm, a member of the Rotary Club, The Riverside Business Club and the neighbourhood watch.

The Grant Hammond Participation Award is intended as a tribute to Grant's achievements in so many areas of life and dedicated to the spirit of participation that he embodied.

This award is a club award stressing both participation and results. It is awarded each year at the Manitoba Masters Provincial Championship Swim Meet based on the following formula:

$$\text{Score} = \frac{(\text{Number of Swimmers from the Club participating in the Meet}) * 500}{(\text{Number of Swimmers Registered for the Club}) + \text{Placing Points}}$$

Placing Points

- Points are by event and age category
- 3 points for each swimmer or relay team placing 1st
- 2 points for each swimmer or relay team placing 2nd
- 1 point for each swimmer or relay team placing 3rd

The team with the highest score wins the award. This weighting gives an advantage to those Clubs who get a high percentage of their members participating in the Meet.