2011 Hall of Fame Inductees

Bruce Cockburn Legend
Bruce won Australia’s first individual gold medal at the World Championships. He represented Australia at the World Championships from 1969 to 1977 and was the Men’s World Trick Champion in 1969. In 1985 Bruce was inducted into the Australian Sports Hall of Fame and in 1996 he was inducted into the Golden Anniversary International Hall of Fame. He is an AWWF Board member and the Technical Director of Tournament Water Ski Australia.

Glen Thurlow Legend
Glen was the first man to jump beyond the magical 200 foot barrier, setting a new world record of 202 feet (61.57metres) in 1983. In 1981 Glen was awarded the Gold Oscar Award Australian National Titles which was a simultaneous honour for winning the gold medal in all three disciplines of slalom, trick and jump. He is the only male to this date ever to win this award. Glen represented Australia at 8 World Championships from 1973 to 1988, winning 4 silver and 2 bronze World Championship medals. He was Australian Jump Champion for 12 consecutive years from 1977 to 1988. In 1999 Glen was inducted into the Australian Sports Hall of Fame and in 2003 he was inducted into the
Brett Wing Legend

Brett was the Men’s Overall Champion for the first three World Barefoot competitions in 1978, 1980 and 1982 collecting a total of 8 individual event gold medals. He was undefeated in the Group A and the Australian Barefoot competition in Overall from 1975 until his retirement in 1982. From 1978 to 1982, Brett set eleven world records in slalom, trick and jump as well as setting the world barefoot speed record of 152.8km/h in 1979. In 1987 Brett was inducted into the Australian Sports Hall of Fame and in 1996 he was inducted into the Gold Anniversary International Hall of Fame. Brett helped create the active international barefoot competition we have today.

Gavin Brain

Gavin has been the AWWF President from its beginnings in 2000. He was the Australian Tournament Division President from 1991 to 2006 and sat on the IWWF Technical committee for 8 years. Gavin was the AA team manager in 1994, 1996 and 1998. He was the Asian Australasian President between 2006 and 2008. Gavin was the Founder of the Albury Wodonga Water Ski Club in 1992. He was Club President from 1990 to 1999 and is a Life Member of the club.
Garry Barton

Garry was the Australian Overall Barefoot Champion in 1969 and 1970 to 1972. He was the Australian Overall Veteran Champion in 1985. He has been an international coach for countries including U.S.A, Canada, Italy and Sweden. He was the Australian team coach in 1985. Garry was introduced to the Royal family in Sydney in 1970 as part of the ‘Young Sport Program’.

Geoff Carrington

Geoff represented Australia at three World Championships winning the jump event twice, in 1985 and 1989 and finishing third in 1987. In 1990 he received the Order of Australia Medal for his services in water skiing. Geoff was inducted into the International Hall of Fame in 1997. He has long been recognized as the most aggressive and likeable athlete on the scene.

Tony Cunningham

Tony has been a competitor in water skiing since 1959. He has technical expertise in course construction, surveying, homologation, timing and jump metering. Tony has been involved in the development of computer based data acquisition, scoring and results provision since
1980. He has instructed others in recent years to embrace the use of technology to allow Australia to upgrade to the world’s best practice and rules changes, homologation, surveying, video imaging and data acquisition. Tony provides assistance and technical expertise in Canada, U.S.A, Japan, Indonesia, Malaysia, New Zealand and Korea.

Ian Faulkner

Ian has been a part of the Moomba Masters Organising committee for 32 years. He was the Australian Tournament Director from 1973 to 1982 and the Australian Team Coach/Manager from 1969 to 1982. He created the AWSA Master Plan for the development of Tournament Water Skiing in 1979. He was a member of the World Water Ski Union Technical Committee from 1974 to 1989. In 1999 Ian was inducted into the International Hall of Fame.

Sue Fieldhouse

Sue won 13 Open Women’s Australian Titles including 9 slalom, 2 tricks, and 2 overall. She represented Australia at 5 World Championships, receiving 1 silver and 2 bronze medals. In 1981 Sue set a world record in slalom of 1.5@11.25m. She was the Moomba Masters Slalom Champion from 1977 to 1982. In 1971 she was awarded the South Australian Sportswoman of the Year. Sue held the Australian slalom record from 1974 to 1990.
Ron Fergusson

Ron was a member of the IWWF Board and Technical Committee for 30 years. He was Chief Judge at the 1978 World Barefoot Championships and 1987 World Tournament Championships. He has been a judge at 9 World Tournament Championships. Ron was the Technical Chairman of Australian Tournament, Barefoot, Kite Flying, Ski Racing and Disabled Skiing for 17 years.

Neil Harris

Neil pioneered the introduction of wakeboarding into the AWSA in 1996. He established wakeboarding into the IWWF, forming the World Wakeboarding Council and is currently Chairman of the World Wakeboard Council. He is a past US National Ski Race Champion and Australian Champion and has represented Australia at the World Championships in Italy. Neil still holds the IWSF world record for successfully skiing the Adriatic from Yugoslavia to Italy in 1976. He was president of Wakeboard Australia for 9 years from 1996 to 2005. Neil was awarded with an IWWF 10 year service award from the World Wakeboard Council for his contribution to wakeboarding and introducing the sport globally to 82 Federations.
Max Kirwan

In 1983 Max received the Order of Australia Medal for his services to water skiing. He was the President of the Australian Water Ski Association for 9 years, the President of the AAO Region for 40 years and the Secretary General of the AAO Region for 4 years. Max is the longest serving member of IWWF and was the Vice President and an Executive Board Member for over 44 years. In 1989 Max was inducted into the Australian Sports Hall of Fame. Max was responsible for the twin lakes at Mulwala, was the Inaugural President of Mulwala Water Ski Club for 24 years and is a Life Member of the club.

Kim Lampard

Kim is a 4 time World Women’s Overall Barefoot Champion. She represented Australia 8 times at World Championships and World Group 3 events. Kim represented NSW in a number of Australian National Titles along with invitational Master tournaments. She was a multiple event winner at many National Titles. Kim held many individual records in all barefoot events.
**Betty Leighton**

In 1952 Betty won the trick and slalom event at the Australian Championships. She was the Overall Australian Champion from 1953 to 1956 and was the first recipient of the Gold Oscar Award Australian National Titles in 1957. In 1958 she left competitions and went on to become an internationally recognized official, serving as a judge for the World Championships in 1969, 1971 and 1973. In 1996 Betty was inducted into the Golden Anniversary Hall of Fame.

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**Sue Lipplegoes**

Sue won 15 Australian Open Women’s Titles including 10 slalom, 2 tricks and 2 overall. She represented Australia at 6 World Championships, winning 1 bronze and 3 silver medals in jump. In 1981 Sue set a world record in jump of 41 meters and again in 1985 with a distance of 45.8 meters. Sue held the Australian Open Women’s jump record from 1985 to 1994.
Neville May

Neville served as Chief Judge of the Moomba Masters for 39 years, starting in 1964. He was Chief Judge at the World Championships in 1977. Neville was Chief Judge 8 times at the Group 3 Championships in the Asian Australasian Region. In 1977 Neville was inducted into the International Hall of Fame.

Bruce Neville

Bruce competed in 7 World Championships from 1988 to 2001, winning bronze medals in both overall and jump in 1989, and gold medals in jump in 1991 and 1995. He is a three times U.S. Masters Jump Champion. He was awarded the IWSF Special Award for Sportsmanship in 1998. Bruce set 3 world jump records, holding the record for a full 2 years from 1995 to 1997. Bruce is a 5 times Overall and 3 times Jump Champion at the Moomba Masters.
Karen Neville (nee Bowkett)

Karen won the title of World Overall Women’s Champion in 1985 and 1991, one of only 5 women to achieve this result. She was Australian Sportswomen of the Year in 1985 and was recognized with an O.A.M. Karen represented Australia at the World Championships from 1979 to 1991, earning 2 gold, 3 silver, and 2 bronze medals. She received 5 Gold Oscars at National Titles. She was the US Masters Overall Champion and the US Open Overall Champion. In 1997 Karen was inducted into the International Hall of Fame.

Mick Neville

Mick has had multiple wins at the Moomba Masters in trick, slalom and overall. He is a 2 times overall silver medalist at the World Championships, is a US Masters Overall Champion and a 7 times Australian Overall Champion. Mick held Australian records in trick and slalom.
Sharon Stekelenberg

Sharon was the Women’s World Overall Barefoot Champion in 1998. In 1994 and 1996 she was the Women’s World Jump Champion and in 1998 was the Women’s World Trick Champion. She finished second in Women’s Overall at the World Championships in 1988, 1990, 1994, and 1996. Sharon is an 11 times Australian Women’s Champion and held women’s records in jump and slalom.

Brett Thurley

Brett won the gold medal in slalom at the World Championships in Singapore, becoming the only Australian male to win a World slalom title. He won the Australian Men’s Open slalom title 4 times. In 1985 Brett set the Australian Open slalom record of 4@11.25m. He continued to improve the record breaking it a further 5 times until in 1995 he become the first Australian to run the 10.75m line, with a score of 1.25@10.25m. Brett is the only Tasmanian skier to win an Australian Open title.
Kaye Thurlow

Kaye represented Australia at 5 World Championships from 1967 to 1976, placing third overall twice, and collecting 8 medals in the process. In 1972 she was selected to ski in the Olympic demonstration in Kiel, Germany, winning silver in trick, jump and overall. Kaye was a Moomba Masters Overall Champion 8 times, picking up 24 gold, and 4 silver medals. In 1978 she was the Victorian Sportswoman of the Year. Kaye is a 6 times Overall Australian Champion and was inducted into the International Hall of Fame in 2009.