

Saskatchewan Summer Swimming Diane Hansen Coach Award

The Diane Hansen Coaches Award is made possible by the Miller Family from Assiniboia and is in memory of Diane. Diane or Dee as she was known to her friends as was a coach with the Weyburn Silver Seals in the early to mid 1990's. She passed away in 2007 from Cancer. Dee was a perfect example of a Summer Senior Swimmer/Coach. She would coach at every swim meet, and then put down her clipboard, just in time to get on the blocks to swim her race. She believed in having fun, not taking herself too seriously, but the moment she stepped on the blocks, she put all of her effort in her race. Dee was the first coach of Weyburn swimmers that have moved onto to be the coach and senior swimmer, so obviously Dee had a great effect on them.

The intent of this award is to keep her memory alive by celebrating her qualities in our younger coaches and swimmers. Her qualities are believed to be the traits that make for great Summer Swimming coaches.

This is an award that will not necessarily be presented each year, only in years when the candidates meet the necessary criteria.

The Criteria for the Diane Hansen Award is as follows:

- ☺ A registered Saskatchewan Summer Swim Coach, who is also registered as a Senior Swimmer in the year of nomination
- ☺ Must have been involved with Saskatchewan Summer Swimming for a minimum of 5 years
- ☺ Has a positive influence over younger swimmers
- ☺ Is competitive and strives to get the best out of their swimmers, but also knows that the most important part of swimming is to have fun
- ☺ Is recognized for his/her coaching ability
- ☺ Is respected and almost idolized by their swimmers

Nominations may come from anyone in the Summer Swim Community.

Please explain in detail why the coach being nominated meets the criteria.

Nominations will be reviewed and voted upon by the current Summer Swimming Program Committee with the final decision being made by the Miller Family.

The Inaugural award will start in 2008. **Nominations for the 2008 award will be due on Sept 15, 2008 with the Award being presented post-season, if there is a successful candidate.**

In future years, nominations will be due July 15 with the Award being presented at the Provincial Finals.

There will be no repeat Award winners.

