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AMERICAN SWIMMING COACHES ASSOCIATION (ASCA)
ANNOUNCES 2008 AWARDS

The American Swimming Coaches Association (ASCA) recently announced their awards for 2008. Three individuals tied to Pacific Northwest Swimming received awards.

The **Daland Award** (named for Peter Daland) was given to **Dick Hannula**. Dick started the Tacoma Swim Club in Tacoma more than 50 years ago, coached at TSC for an extended period of time, and had a long career of contribution to Pacific Northwest Swimming athletes.

An ASCA **Award of Excellence** was given to **Sean Hutchison** for his athlete's performance at the Olympic Trials. Sean provides the leadership for KING Aquatics and has had great success coaching the elite level athletes at his club.

An ASCA **LSC Age Group Coach of the Year Award** was given to **Greg Gillette**. Greg was the PNS 2008 Zone head coach and provided the leadership for the staff and athletes to guide them to the first ever PNS Zone Championship. He is the former head coach of White Water Aquatics and has recently returned to the east coast to coach.

Congratulations to Dick, Sean, and Greg on their acknowledgment by the American Swimming Coaches Association and the visibility their individual contributions bring to Pacific Northwest Swimming. The next time you see them, take time to individually congratulate them. These are well deserved honors from ASCA that is made up of their peer coaches.

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