



West Vancouver Otters Swim Club

ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

Tuesday October 16, 2012
Hollyburn Country Club - West Vancouver, BC

SPECIAL GUESTS

Brent Hayden (Canadian Olympian)
Catherine Neale, Alex Storie and Amber Storie
Henrietta Bezur and Karen Bezur
Jon Chuma (West Vancouver REC Centre)
Bev Leader (Wally & Ann MacLean – Outstanding Volunteer Award Recipient)

PROGRAM

6:00 pm	Welcome & Introductions	Carman J. Overholt President
6:15 pm	Dinner	
7:00 pm	Introduction of Canadian Olympian, BRENT HAYDEN	Kathryn Basran Vice President
7:05 pm	Special Guest Speaker	Brent Hayden Canadian Olympian
7:30 pm	Introduction and Acknowledgment of our Coaches Kevin Han, James McQuade, Norman Ng, Khosro Mansuri and Janusz Kaczmarek	Carman J. Overholt President
7:35 PM	Presentation of Awards	Kathryn Basran Vice President Janusz Kaczmarek Head Coach
9:00 pm	Adjournment	

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WEST VANCOUVER OTTERS AWARDS - 2012

Wally & Ann MacLean Outstanding Volunteer Award - Bev Leader & David Jardine

1. **Top Tiny Olympic Prospect Award** Awarded to the 10 and Under swimmer who scored the highest ranking throughout the year in Swim Magazine's Top listings
2. **Most Improved Otters Award** Awarded to those swimmers in each age group who have shown marked improvement in swimming ability and attitude
3. **Most valuable Otters Award** This award is presented to the swimmers who in the eyes of the coaches make the most valuable contribution to the Otters objectives of promoting the sport of swimming through sportsmanship, team participation and excellence in swimming performance
4. **Moneyway Cup** Awarded to the Otter who achieved the highest number of points according to the World Performance Charts in freestyle events
5. **Fastest Fly Award** Awarded to the Otter who achieved the highest number of points according to the World Performance Charts in fly stroke events
6. **Ambassador's Trophy** Awarded to the swimmer who best represents the Otters (chosen by their fellow team-mates)
7. **Graham Schnare Award** Awarded to the Otter that shows the most commitment to the sport
8. **Rookie Of The Year Award** Awarded to the first year Otter that shows the greatest potential
9. **Millennium 200 IM Plaque** Awarded to the Otter who takes the most time off their 200 IM time event in one season
10. **Gordon Storie Award
(Catherine Neale and Alex Storie)** Awarded to the Otter achieving the fastest backstroke time
11. **Peg Howarth Award** Awarded to the Otter who best combines swimming ability with a sports person like attitude towards team-mates and competitors alike
12. **Richard Gate Award** Awarded to the Otters who are judged to be the "Best Trainers" in each group from Development and up
13. **Erik Bezur Memorial Trophy
(Henrietta Bezur)** Awarded to the Otter who achieved the highest number of points according to the World Performance Charts in Breaststroke events

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| 14. Rita Metcalf Award
(National and International recognition) | Awarded to the swimmer who places the best overall at the highest level of competition, secondary awards for outstanding National and International accomplishments |
| 15. Tidey Lock & Key Award | Awarded to the Otter who performs the most inspirational swim of the year |
| 16. President's Cup Award | This new award is presented to the Otter achieving the best results at the AA Championship |
| 17. AAA Cup Award | To the Otter with the best results at the AAA Championships |
| 18. Special University Recognition Award | Awarded to an Otter in the University Group |
| 19. OSA Most Improved Award
6 & Under
7 & 8
9 & 10 | Awarded to the most improved OSA swimmer |
| 20. Most Valuable Otters Award:
10 & Under
11 & 12
13 & 14
15 & Over | Awarded to the fastest Otters in each age group |
| 21. Most improved Otters Award:
10 & Under
11 & 12
13 & 14
15 & Over | Awarded to those swimmers in each age group who have shown marked improvement in swimming ability and attitude |
| 22. Best Attendance Award:
Development
LMR
AA
Provincial
Youth
National | To the Otter with the best attendance record |

Special Guest Speaker

Canadian Olympian Athlete BRENT HAYDEN

Brent Matthew Hayden – Brent Hayden was a bronze medal winner in the 100 m freestyle at the 2012 Summer Olympics in London. He was co-World Champion in the same event in 2007 with Filippo Magnini of Italy. By winning the 100 m, Hayden became the first Canadian in 21 years to win a gold medal at the World Aquatics Championships, he was also the first Canadian to appear in the 100 m final at the Olympics since Dick Pound at the 1960 Summer Olympics and the first Canadian to win an Olympic medal in the 100 m. Hayden adds a further three silver and one bronze medal to his World Championship totals. He is the current reigning Commonwealth Games champion in both the 50 m and 100 m freestyle events. In addition, Hayden is currently the Canadian record holder in the 200 m, 100 m and 50 m freestyle in both the short-course and long-

course. He has also held the world record in the 4×100 m medley relay, and the 4×200 m freestyle relay.

MoneyWay Cup – Hossein Safari BIOGRAPHY

Hossein Safari is the owner and President of MoneyWay Currency Exchange Corp., a premier currency exchange house in Vancouver. MoneyWay is proud to offer convenient secure business solutions that put their clients in control of their foreign exchange needs. The Safari family has also been involved with the Otters for a number of years with son Perry as a competitive swimmer and father Hossein as a Club photographer. Other family members attended meets to cheer on Perry and the Otters Club. Hossein also sponsored the Awards Banquet Program printing for a couple of years – 2009 & 2010 – and with his son “retiring” from competitive swimming offered to sponsor a new trophy recognizing excellence in freestyle. The MoneyWay Cup will be awarded for the first time at the 2012 Awards Banquet.

Erik Bezur BIOGRAPHY

Erik Bezur was a Team Captain of the Otters who swam with the Club from the early to mid-2000’s. He was a very popular Otter, being known for his sense of humour and many memorable quips. Some made their way onto Otters t-shirts. Erik was a breaststroke specialist; he worked hard in practice and pushed his teammates to work hard as well. Erik thrived at competitions and he led his teammates by example. He had Olympic aspirations which unfortunately ended with a tragic accident that robbed the Otters and his family of a fine young man and inspirational leader. The Club awards the Erik Bezur Memorial Trophy, sponsored by his family, annually to the Otter who has achieved the highest number of FINA points in breaststroke events.

Gordon Storie BIOGRAPHY

Gordon Storie devoted his life to helping people achieve a healthy, balanced lifestyle. He was the President & Co-owner of SISU Enterprises, a Canadian company that was a pioneer in the health food industry offering premium vitamins and supplements allowing people to take command of their health and wellness. Gordon was born in Edinburgh Scotland and swam competitively through his elementary school years. The backstroke was his strength & passion as well the swim discipline which he won a Scottish championship. He regarded competitive swimming as a positive building block in life and when circumstances permitted, he became a corporate sponsor of the Otters. His daughter, Amber, swam with the Otters from age 6 until her graduation from high school. She too chose the backstroke as her speciality keeping up the family tradition. Gordon unfortunately passed in 2000 unexpectedly while skiing up at Whistler, shocking the health food industry and devastating the Storie family. The Club awards the Gordon Storie Award, sponsored by his family, annually to the Otter achieving the fastest backstroke time.