# WORLD WATERPARK ASSOCIATION

# PRIOR BOARD AWARD RECIPIENTS AND

# HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

#### **BOARD AWARDS**

#### **EXECUTIVE BOARD AWARD:**

Awarded to an individual or organization for special accomplishments in the water leisure industry that have contributed to industry knowledge and expertise for the benefit of the WWA membership.



**2011:** Roger Currie, Aqua Leisure International Judith Leblein Josephs, Judith Leblein Josephs Enterprises LLC Alan Mahony, MAHONYdmc

2010: Dan Gundrum, eProfit Solutions

2009: Rick Fuller, Hyland Hills Water World Brian Freber, Water Technology Mike Kaminski, Chula Vista Resort Jim Dunn, Aquatic Development Group

**2008:** Ron Sutula, Schlitterbahn Galveston Island Norm Matzl, National Aquatic Safety Company

2007: Lee Hovis, Adventure Landing

2006: Sandcastle Waterworld, Blackpool, United Kingdom

**2005:** Franceen Gonzales, Six Flags Hurricane Harbor

2004: Wally James, Con-Serv Associates

2003: Robin Doucette, The Rapids Waterpark

**2001:** Land of Make Believe, Hope, New Jersey Charleston County Parks, Charleston, South Carolina

**2000:** Fibrart, S.A. De C.V., Mexico

1999: Sun 'n Fun Family Recreation, Ponca City, Oklahoma



1998: Mountain Creek, Vernon, New Jersey
Desa Waterpark, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
SuperSplash Adventure, Edinburg, Texas
Essel World, Mumbai, India

1997: Splash Island, Manila, Philippines Elitch Gardens, Denver, Colorado

1996: Raging Waters, San Dimas, California A'Famosa, Melaka, Malaysia

1995: Waterbom Park, Bali, Indonesia

1994: International Recreation Go-Kart Association (IRGA), San Antonio, Texas SCS Company, Tillamook, Oregon Systems & Programming Consultants (SPC), Charlotte, North Carolina White Water Atlanta, Marietta, Georgia

1993: Splish Splash, Long Island, New York Valley of the Waves, Sun City, South Africa Efrain Ruiz, President, Asociacion Latino Americana De Parques Acuaticos (ALAPA) Forrec LTD., Toronto, Canada

1992: Alain Baldacci, Baldacci Associados Lynn Alexander, City of Gaithersburg Robert Goff, City of Cape Coral

#### **KELLY OGLE MEMORIAL SAFETY AWARD:**

Awarded to an individual or organization for significant contributions to guest and employee safety in the water attractions industry.

2012: George Deines, Surf and Swim Rafaele Madorma, Academia Via Esporte, INATI Schlitterbahn Waterparks & Colin's Hope for their partnership on water safety and drowning prevention programs

**2011:** Lulu Cisneros, Lulu Cisneros Educación Acuática Pool Safely Campaign, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

2010: Wet 'n Wild, GE Universal EHS Team, Orlando, Florida Wild Wadi, Dubai, United Arab Emirates Nadina Riggsbee, National Drowning Prevention Alliance Beth Root, World's Largest Swimming Lesson

**2009:** Tom Werts, City of Kissimmee Jenkinsons Breakwater Beach ASTM F24.70 Aquatic Play Task Group

**2008:** Pat Finnegan, Chula Vista Resort
Bruce Wigo, International Swimming Hall of Fame

2007: Shelly Rucinski, Noah's Ark Waterpark

2006: Debra Nall-Rodriguez & Jan Wilson, St. Clare Hospital

2005: Ron Rhinehart, Ellis & Associates

2004: Ellis & Associates VAT Program, Ocoee, Florida

2003: Franceen Gonzales, Golfland Entertainment Centers

2002: Steven W. Hix, IRGA

2001: Noah's Ark Waterpark, Year Road Emergency Response Team, Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin

**2000:** Dr. John Hunsucker, National Aquatic Safety Company

1999: Dr. Michael Beach, Center for Disease Control

1998: John Stephens, Walt Disney World Bob Weiner, Weiner & Associates

**1997:** John Fussner, American Specialty Insurance R. Wayne Pierce, IALDA

1996: Coulter Consulting Group, Delaware, Ohio

1995: Dr. John Hunsucker, National Aquatic Safety Company

1994: Ellis & Associates, Kingwood, Texas American Red Cross, Washington, DC NBGS International, New Braunfels, Texas

1993: Wally James, Con-Serv Associates
Dr.Alison Osinski, Aquatic Consulting Services

1992: Glynn Barclay & Associates, San Antonio, Texas

#### **ALTURNER MEMORIAL COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE AWARD:**

Awarded to individuals, parks or organizations that have through their consistent business and professional excellence provided leadership and/or fostered a sense of community in the World Waterpark Association membership.

2012: Family Fun Corporation Steve Miklosi, Breakers Water Park Tomahawk Lake Waterpark

**2011:** Sam Haynes, Blue Bayou Water Park Danny & Janis Keim

**2010:** Tom Bergman, MMOINC/Bergman Communications lill White, Starfish Aquatics Institute (SAI)

**2009:** Tiffany Quilici, Roaring Springs Waterpark
The Rapids Waterpark, West Palm Beach, Florida

2008: Richard A. Carroll, Ellis & Associates

Hyland Hills Water World, Federal Heights, Colorado

**2007:** Bill Haralson, William Haralson & Associates

**2006:** Jeff Ellis, Ellis & Associates

**2005:** Bill Getz, Aquality Consulting (posthumously)

Kevin Smith, Chemtrol (posthumously)

Ken Ward, Water Technology, Inc. (posthumously)

**2004:** Fred, Jim and Bob Kenney, Golfland Sunsplash

2003: Roger Currie, Royson, Ltd.

2002: Richard J. Coulter, Coulter and Associates

**2001:** Al Turner, World Waterpark Association (posthumously)\*

2000: The Wisconsin Dells Area, Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin

1999: Judith Leblein, Water Technology

1997: Pat Cartwright, Emerald Pointe

1996: Steve Loose, Hyland Hills Water World

1995: City of Charleston, Charleston, South Carolina

1994: Walt Disney World, Lake Buena Vista, Florida Balneario Ixtapan, Ixtapan De La Sal, Mexico

Aqua Park, Fortaleza, Brazil

1993: Blue Bayou, Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Rockford Park District/ Magic Waters, Rockford, Illinois

Bryant Morris, Bryant L. Morris Dev. Co.

1992: Dick Samuels, Water Country and Weirs Beach Waterslide

Nelson Schwab III, Paramount Parks Paul Nelson, Waldameer Park

\*This award, previously known as the Commitment to Excellence Award, was renamed in 2001 in honor of Al Turner who passed away that year.

#### **LEADING EDGE AWARD:**

Awarded to park and supplier members, Who through their combined efforts, have brought a project, product, service or program to fruition, thereby creating industry innovation and leadership.

**2012:** Alabama's SPLASH ADVENTURE Waterpark & WhiteWater West Industries Ltd. for "Wipeout Adventure Course" at Alabama's SPLASH ADVENTURE Waterpark

Holiday World & Splashin' Safari and ProSlide Technology Inc. for "Mammoth" at Holiday World & Splashin' Safari

Yas Waterworld Abu Dhabi and multiple suppliers for the design and development of Yas Waterworld Abu Dhabi

Aldar Properties PJSC

Al Jaber LEGT Engineering & Contracting (ALEC)

**ATKINS** 

ProSlide Technology Inc.

Vekoma Rides Manufacturing B.V.

Water Technology Inc.

WhiteWater West Industries Ltd.

WhiteWater West Industries Ltd. and

Wave Loch

#### **EMERGING LEADERS EMPLOYEE OF THE SEASON AWARD:**

Awarded to a seasonal, part-time employee who has demonstrated consistent service and/or leadership in their position that goes beyond standard expectations throughout the entire 2012 summer season or in a year-round position at an indoor facility.

2012: Kevin Ebner, Morey's Piers

Chris Ford, Splash Kingdom Family Waterpark

Samuel Gilek, City of Henderson

Christine Gorczyca, Casino Pier & Jenkinson's Breakwater Beach Waterpark

Zikomo Sargeant, CoCo Key Water Resort

#### HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

The World Waterpark Association Hall of Fame exists to recognize and honor those individuals who have made noteworthy achievements in the development and advancement of the water attraction industry. The WWA Hall of Fame celebrates those individuals who have reached a position of eminence through contributions that have provided outstanding service, innovation or advanced the WWA and/or the water attractions industry.

**2012:** Tim Gantz, Waterpark Venture Management LLC Sonny Horton, Stone Mountain Park

**2011:** Lee Hovis, Tolomato Community Development District

Gary Jackson, Stone Mountain

Gary Maurek, Hyland Hills Water World

Nick Scott Sr., Scott Enterprises

2010: Kent Williams, Professional Pool Operators of America Jess Shockley, World Waterpark Association Will Koch, Holiday World & Splashin' Safari (posthumously) John Seeker, Turnstile Advertising

**2009:** Ron Sutula, Schlitterbahn Galveston Island Joe Gibbons, Sega Republic Dubai

2008: Bob Kenney, Golfland Entertainment Centers Fred Kenney, Golfland Entertainment Centers Jim Kenney, Golfland Entertainment Centers Fred Langford, Water World Products Todd Nelson, Kalahari Resorts Chris Stuart, Silver Rapids Waterpark

**2007:** R. Wayne Pierce, The Pierce law Firm Mark Potiriadis, S&P Architects (posthumously)

**2006:** Barry Gertz, Neptune-Benson Barry Robertson, Big Country Waterslides, Ltd.

2005: Bill Getz, Aquality Consulting (posthumously)
Tom Lucke, Wilderness Hotel & Resort
Bruce Neviaser, Great Wolf Resorts
Terry Ramaker, Ramaker & Associates

**2004:** Dave Bruschi, World Waterpark Association

2003: Dwight Myers, Aqua Boggin Waterslides
Terry Turner, Paramount's Carowinds
Judith Leblein, Water Technology, Inc.
Tom Lochtefeld, Wave Loch, Inc.
Greg Briggs, Wild Rivers Waterpark

2002: Richard J. Coulter, Coulter and Associates Jim Goldhardt, Sevylor U.S.A Alan Heuss, Whitewater West U.S.A. Dr. John Hunsucker, National Aquatic Safety Company Paula Panton, Water Safety Products

2001: Ed Arrighi, Adventure Bay Water Theme Park Rick Faber, Schlitterbahn Water Resort Mike Patrick, Busch Gardens Steve Rodgers, Roseville Golfland, Ltd. Dick Samuels, Water Country Corporation Jerry Lee Taylor, Taylor & Associates, Inc.

2000: Rick Briggs, SCS Interactive
Pat Cartwright, formerly Emerald Pointe and RMD, Inc.
Geoff Chutter, Whitewater West Industries
Dick Croul, Richard Croul Enterprises
Bruce Dalen, Amusement Leisure Worldwide
Dave Dubeta, Water Fun Products

Herb Ellis, Aquatic Development Group

Jeff Ellis, Jeff Ellis & Associates

Bill Haralson, William L. Haralson & Associates

Jeff Henry, Schlitterbahn and NBGS International

Rick Hunter, ProSlide Technology

Wally James, Con-Serv Associates

Greg Mastriona, Hyland Hills Water World

Ernesto Mestas, Fibrart

George Millay, formerly Sea World and Wet 'n Wild

Chuck Newman, Water Technology

Arturo San Roma, Balneario Ixtapan

Phyllis Smith, formerly White Water University

Ned Stancliff, formerly White Water-Atlanta, currently Stone Mountain

Nico Tienpont, Van Egdom

Al Turner, World Waterpark Association and Splash Magazine

Hugo van Zuylen, Duinrell

lack Waterman, formerly Noah's Ark and Black Wolf Lodge

Turk Waterman, formerly Noah's Ark and Black Wolf Lodge

Gary Zuercher, formerly WaveTek and Sonar International

#### **SPECIAL RECOGNITION:**

Awarded by the Association's Board of Directors for significant accomplishment with their volunteer committees in 2010 / 2011.

**2011:** Mike Fijas, Safety Committee Chair, Raging Waves

Chris Landgrave, Education Committee Chair, Deep River Waterpark

Jessica Steinberg, Public Sector Committee Chair, Magic Waters Waterpark

Tiffany Woodward, Marketing & Communications Committee Chair, Jackson Street Holdings LLC /

Wave Renovations LLC

#### LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD:

The WWA Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes outstanding individuals whose pioneering spirit, inventiveness and level of integrity throughout their careers have improved the industry and provided an excellent example of leadership for fellow industry members.

2012: Greg Mastriona, Hyland Hills Water World

2004: George Millay

# The following award categories have been retired by the WWA's Board of Directors

# **INDUSTRY LEADERSHIP AWARD, WATERPARKS:**

Awarded to park members for setting a consistent, exceptional standard in operations, management and facility development in the water attractions industry.

2011: Robin Patrick, Water World Splash Kingdom Family Waterpark Waterbom Bali

2010: Schlitterbahn, New Braunfels, Texas

Point Mallard, City of Decatur, Decatur, Alabama

**2009:** Tim Gantz, Noah's Ark Waterpark
Busch Entertainment Corporation, Orlando, Florida
Great Wolf Resorts, Madison, Wisconsin

2008: John Child, Sandcastle Waterpark Mark Moore, Splash Universe Holiday World & Splashin' Safari, Santa Claus, Indiana

**2007:** Alpamare AG, Germany

2006: Knight's Action Park & Caribbean Adventure, Springfield, Illinois Wet 'n Wild Waterworld, El Paso, Texas Six Flags Hurricane Harbor, Largo, Maryland Splash Down Waterpark, Manassas, Virginia Ocean Oasis – Waterpark and Beach Club, Wildwood, New Jersey

2005: Great Wolf Resorts, Madison, Wisconsin

**2004:** Whale's Tales Waterpark, Lincoln, New Hampshire Wild Rivers, Irvine, California

**2003:** ProParks
Knott's Soak City Parks, California

2002: Palace Entertainment, Irvine, California

**2001:** Silver Dollar City, Branson, Missouri Dolly's Splash Water Adventure Park, Pigeon Forge, Tennessee

**2000:** Six Flags, Texas Cedar Fair, Sandusky, Ohio

1999: Richard Koh, Wet World

1998: Beach Park, Fortaleza, Brazil

1997: The Beach Waterpark, Mason, Ohio

1996: Wet 'n Wild, Orlando, Florida

- 1995: Dave Bush, FRE, Inc.
- 1994: Phyllis & Ralph Smith, White Water University
  Camara Nacional De La Industria De Banos Y Balnearios, Morelos, Mexico
- 1993: Pat Cartwright, Emerald Pointe
  Will Morey, Sr., Mariner's Landing
  Bill Morey, Sr., Morey's Pier/Raging Waters
- 1992: Jack Herschend, White Water

## **INDUSTRY LEADERSHIP AWARD, SUPPLIERS:**

Awarded to supplier members for setting a consistent exceptional standard of product development and customer service and support in the water attractions industry.

- **2011:** Kathie Luecker, Lincoln Equipment, Inc. Randy Neuman, Neuman Pools
- **2010:** Bill Hachmeister, Water Odyssey/Fountain People Jim Goldhart, Z Pro Paula Panton, Water Safety Products
- **2009:** Mike Holtzman, Profitable Foods
  - Kenn Ramage, Van Stone Conveyor / Launch Logic Steve Wilson, Grundfos Pumps / Paco Pumps
- 2008: Ludo Feyen, Labo Derva Ed Snyder, Zebec S&P Architects, London, England
- 2007: Brock Enterprises, Hamden, Connecticut
- 2006: Whitewater West Industries, Richmond, British Columbia, Canada
- 2005: ProSlide Technology, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada
- **2004:** Gateway Ticketing, Boyertown, Pennsylvania Ramaker & Associates, Sauk City, Wisconsin
- **2003:** Water Technology, Inc., Beaver Dam, Wisconsin Action Park, Picassent, Valencia
- **2002:** Pageantry World, Inc., Huntington Beach, California
- 2001: Van Egdom, Holland
- 2000: SCS Interactive, Denver, Colorado
- 1999: Kent Williams, Kent Williams Consulting & Professional Operators of America
- 1998: Aquatic Development Group, Cohoes, New York

1997: Amusement Leisure Equipment, Calgary, Alberta, Canada

1996: Neptune-Benson, Warwick, Rhode Island

1995: Sevylor, Los Angeles, California

1994: Express Construction, Downers Grove, Illinois Ennis Associates, Westminster, Colorado Water Safety Products, Melbourne Beach, Florida Aquatic Design Group, Carlsbad, California

1993: Aquatic Amusement Associates, Cohoes, New York New Braunfels General Store, New Braunfels, Texas Northeast Aquatic Design, Lynnfield, Massachusetts

#### **INDUSTRY INNOVATION AWARD:**

Awarded to individuals or parks for creativity in the development of new themes, facilities, programs, services or operational concepts in the water attractions industry; and to suppliers who have developed new concepts, products or services to the benefit of park members, their customers and the water attractions industry.

**2011:** Beach Park Waterpark and Empex Watertoys for "Acqua Circo" at Beach Park Waterpark CENTAMAN for Real-Time In-Park Count Video Technology

Disney Cruise Line and Walt Disney Imagineering for "AquaDuck" on the Disney Dream

Evergreen Wings & Waves Waterpark - Evergreen Aviation & Space Museum for Integration of An Education and Aviation Theme In A Waterpark

Rapids Water Park and ProSlide Technology for "Rapids Racer" at Rapids Water Park

Spring Valley Beach Water Park and SplashTacular Entertainment for "360Rush" at Spring Valley Beach Water Park Water Safety Products, Inc. for ValuStairTM

WhiteWater West Industries Ltd. for the World's First Acrylic Master Blaster on a Cruise Ship

# **INDUSTRY INNOVATION AWARD, WATERPARK:**

Awarded to individuals or parks for creativity in the development of new themes, facilities, programs, services or operational concepts in the water attractions industry.

2010: Les Trois Forêts, Center Parcs, Moselle, Lorraine, France
The Happy Magic Watercube, Chinese National Aquatic Center, Beijing, China
Legoland Waterpark, Merlin Waterparks, Carlsbad, California

**2009:** Atlantis The Palm, Dubai, United Arab Emirates Sahara Sam's Oasis, Berlin, New Jersey Water Waves Land, Mashad, Iran

2008: Aquatica by SeaWorld, Orlando, Florida Chimelong Water Park, Guangzhou City, China Splash! City of La Mirada, La Mirada, California Zoombezi Bay Waterpark, Columbus, Ohio

2007: Great Wolf Resorts-Mason, Mason, Ohio

**2006:** Ocean Oasis – Waterpark and Beach Club, Wildwood, New Jersey

2005: Six Flags, Great America, Gurnee, Illinois

Avalanche Bay Indoor Waterpark, Boyne Falls, Michigan

**2004:** Centre Parcs Europe, The Netherlands

Wild Wild Wet, Singapore

Alton Towers, Staffordshire, United Kingdom

2003: Kalahari Resorts, Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin

2002: Great Wolf Lodge, The Great Lakes Companies, Inc., Madison, Wisconsin

**2001:** Schlitterbahn Beach Waterpark, South Padre, Texas

2000: Paramount's Carowinds, Charlotte, North Carolina

1999: Atlantis Resort, Paradise Island, Bahamas Wild Wadi, Dubai, United Arab Emirates

1998: Xocomil Waterpark, Guatemala

OTC Playa Maya, Shenzhen, P.R. of China Water World, Ayia Napa, Cyprus

1997: Sunway Lagoon, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

1996: Schlitterbahn Waterpark & Resort, New Braunfels, Texas

1995: Disney's Blizzard Beach, Lake Buena Vista, Florida El Rollo de Olas, Tiaquiltenango, Morelos, Mexico

1994: City of Vista, Vista, California

Crystal Springs, City of East Brunswick, East Brunswick, New Jersey

1993: Telemark Sommarland, Bo, Norway

Hyland Hills Water World, Federal Heights, Colorado

## **INDUSTRY INNOVATION AWARD, SUPPLIER:**

Awarded to suppliers who have developed new concepts, products or services to the benefit of park members, their customers and the water attractions industry.

**2010:** GoPod, Best Lockers, Beltsville, Maryland

AquaSplash, Creative Kingdoms, Tillamook, Oregon

ProSlide Technology for the "Wildebeest" at Holiday World & Splashin' Safari,

Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

Whitewater West Industries for "The Scorpion's Tail" at Noah's Ark Waterpark,

Richmond, British Columbia, Canada

2009: Haystack Dryers, Murfreesboro, Tennessee

**2008:** Menerga, Warwick, United Kingdom

Precision Dynamics Corporation, San Fernando, California

2007: Neptune-Benson, Coventry, Rhode Island

**2006:** Aquatic Development Group, Texlon Roofing Systems, Cohoes, New York

2005: Click n Print Tickets, Houston, Texas

**2004:** Anchor Industries, Evansville, Indiana Dippin' Dots, Paducah, Kentucky

**2003:** Talburt & Associates, Kimberling City, Missouri Sevylor USA, Los Angeles, California

2002: The Wave House, Wave Loch, Inc., La Jolla, California

2001: Big Squirt, Torrence, California

**2000:** Water Fun Products, Sylvan Lake, Alberta, Canada Amusement Leisure Worldwide

1998: National Rock & Sculpture, Sattler, Texas

1996: Wave Loch, La Jolla, California

1995: ProSlide Technology, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

1994: Water Ride Concepts, New Braunfels, Texas Lotec B.V., Helmond, Netherlands

**1993:** R & R Creative Amusement Designs, Anaheim, California Stuart Leisure, Ltd., Sussex, England

1992: Rick Briggs, SCS Company
Jeff Henry, New Braunfels General Store
Dave Dubeta, Water Fun Products
Chuck Neuman, Water Technology

\*No awards were given in 1997 or 1999 in this category.

#### PRESIDENT'S AWARD

1995: Ned Stancliff, White Water Atlanta

**1994:** Jerry Lee Taylor, Taylor & Associates

1993: Greg Mastriona, Hyland Hills Water World

1992: Jack and Turk Waterman, Noah's Ark Waterpark

#### **EXCELLENCE IN WATERPARK DEVELOPMENT**

1996: Caribbean Bay, Seoul, South Korea