

Christian Berger, 2009 Hud Stewart Award Recipient

If there's a statistic, record or ranking in Masters Swimming, chances are, Christian knows it. A Masters Swimmer since 1981, Christian has been the visionary and leader behind tracking our statistics for the last 25 years.

An avid swimmer himself, Christian held Provincial Records in Relays and ranked in the top 10 in the 1980s. But with his computer specialist background, he also made his mark on Masters Swimming by developing unique software, including the Aquabec program, a Meet Management tool that was used during all Quebec meets from 1985 to 2003. He also wrote the Aquaplus program in 1991, which is a Team Management software that keeps Quebec's registration, swimmer and performance information.

Christian has used all his programs to produce Club, Provincial and National rankings, statistics on Swimming and Masters Swimming. He's also moved along with the times, developing and maintaining a website full of stats on Masters swimmers and hosting a Masters Forum, a favourite of many of our members.

Quite simply, without the efforts of Christian, we would not know where we stand. His work has enabled Masters swimmers everywhere to set goals, and recognize their achievements. A huge thank you and congratulations to Christian, the 2009 recipient of the Hud Stewart Award.