

Nancy Black, 2010 Recipient, Head Coach, Aurora Master Ducks

The Aurora Master Ducks Swim Club had its humble beginnings in 1999. Obtaining local pool time whenever and wherever she could, Nancy was the driving force behind starting a program to ensure an opportunity for adults to have access to a formalized swimming program for both fitness and competitive purposes. The club began with 18 members and Nancy as the head coach. Today, the Aurora Masters Ducks program boasts one of the largest masters clubs in Canada with over 200 swimmers, including 16 of the original 18 members.

While Nancy has led the Ducks to many successes in the pool, her accomplishments out of the pool may speak even more prominently to her abilities to demonstrate excellence in a leadership role. In 2006, Aurora opened its new recreational facility including a beautiful 25 metre, 8 lane pool. Nancy played an extremely vital role in securing local support and funds for this new facility, lobbying and petitioning loudly and tirelessly for many years at the municipal and regional levels.

In addition to her community involvement, Nancy is currently a member of the board of Masters Swimming Canada. Both Nancy and two of her assistant coaches have also sat on past boards of Masters Swimming Ontario. Nancy is a certified level 2 coach and is an enthusiastic proponent of the benefits of the sport of swimming at all levels within the Aurora community.