



Surrey County ASA

2013 ACM - Nominations for County Honours

Honorary Life Vice President: Mr Ray Hedger (Woking)

When someone has served the sport's Governing Body, giving prestigious service for more years than most can recall, it is an added bonus that there is a ready crafted biography to call upon at times like this. We offer no excuse for making use of the glowing testimony provided on the ASA website!

Ray has been involved in swimming for a number of years and began playing water polo when based abroad for the Army.

Until 2002 Ray acted as an ASA Preliminary Teacher, Club Coach and Tutor as well as being an official on district and county lists as a starter, judge and timekeeper. His many friends in Surrey know him and his wife Janet from their long association with Woking SC. Janet was our County President in 1986, keeping the seat warm for Ray one year later. He again took the Presidential Chain in 2001. In the days before Regionalisation, Ray also served as President of SCASA.



As a member of a number of swimming committees Ray was elected ASA South East Region Member of the ASA Board in 2006 and was elected as President of the Region for 2013. We were honoured to have Ray join us to present medals at our Surrey Age Group Championships this year.

Outside of swimming Ray has also provided great support to other sports particularly rowing. Formerly a senior oarsman, Ray has acted as Finance Controller for the National Rowing Championships for 14 years, Finance Officer for the World Veteran Rowing Championships, a member of the Management Committee Henley Womens Regatta for 15 years, a volunteer helper at the Rowing World Cup in 2005 and the Rowing World Championships in 2006.

Much of Ray's working career was spent in the oil industry in a management capacity. When one looks at the corporate pages of the ASA website, it is clear that there is great respect for Ray and his financial and management skills. Ray has been there for many years in senior Finance and Audit capacities throughout the corporate growth of the ASA. Those who know him would be sure that even with larger piles of money now in circulation, his beady eye, and attention to detail and procedure, will keep our sport on the straight and narrow. Long may he continue to fulfill these demanding, but always voluntary responsibilities!