## Les William Nelson

## Swimming Builder, Edmonton

Inducted in 1995

Les Nelson's involvement with swimming began over thirty years ago with the Jasper Place Swim Club. Concern for the development of the sport carried him through the formative years and his sustained interest in the sport led him to become involved at progressively more senior levels. His most significant international responsibilities were as Chairman of Aquatics for the 1983 World University Games, and as the Chairman and Competition Director - Swimming and Diving - for the XI Commonwealth Games. He is a Master Official who maintains his currency by officiating at swim meets and by conducting officials' clinics.

Les Nelson served as the President of the Canadian Amateur Swimming Association - Alberta Section and as a Director of the organization for over twenty years. He has also been Chairman of the Rules Committee of CASA and compiled and edited the 1976 CASA Rule Book. He is the recipient of the Alberta Achievement Award and the City of Edmonton Recreation Citation.