

Swim Ireland Awards 2017

Connacht athletes, coaches and volunteers were presented with awards at Swim Ireland event in Ballina on November 24th.

Swim Ireland Presidents Award – Fr Dermot Maloney & Peter Brennan



Fr Dermot Maloney and Peter Brennan were awarded Presidents Awards by outgoing President Mary Dunne in recognition of their achievements and contribution to swimming over the years.

Fr Dermot's swim career commenced in the 1950s with Tuam Swimming Club and he has the distinction of winning the 100m Freestyle National event in 1956, following up with many more podium appearances in freestyle and butterfly events over a ten year period. He was Swim Ireland President in 1976 and Connacht President in 2001.

Peter Brennan (Laser SC) has been involved in swimming administration and swim meet management since the 1980s. He was Connacht President on two occasions (1992 and 2007) and was Swim Ireland President in 1996. He continues to play an active role in schools meets and general swim meet management in Connacht where he regularly togs out in his whites to assist in meet set up and officiating.

Both men have given sterling service to club, schools, region and national level for many years and Swim Ireland Connacht are grateful for such.

Swim Ireland Club Volunteer of the Year- Joe Moran

In this, the year of his retirement, Swim Ireland is proud to pay tribute to the many years Joe Moran has given to the sport he loves. His years as volunteer coach to the Intermediate swimming squad saw him work with most, if not all, of the Castlebar swimmers who went on to achieve great things in swimming. He travelled from Ballina to Castlebar five times a week for almost 20 years, and attended every gala with his swimmers. His quiet and steady calm was a settling presence for them, and his ability to motivate and get the best out of the swimmers never failed to impress. Swim Connacht and Castlebar will miss Joe from the deck at training and competitions and wish him every success in his retirement from the sport.



Swim Ireland Connacht Club of the Year 2017 - Shark SC



Shark Swimming Club is based in Leisureland Galway promoting and encouraging competitive and participative swimming for decades and were awarded the club of the year in recognition of the achievements in the water, the clubs promotion of swimming and the enhanced governance and training programme for its many volunteers.

Congratulations also to Castlebar SC, Claremorris SC and Shark SC who were awarded Clubmark SI in recognition of each of the clubs work in addressing club governance and general club development. The achievements of Rebecca Lowe and Robbie Powell (both Athlone SC) in the international meets was also recognised on the night.