

**DAWN MUSSELMAN INSPIRATIONAL SWIMMER
1997**

The Pacific Northwest Association Local Masters Swimming Committee is proud to present the *1997 Dawn Musselman Inspirational Swimmer Award* to **Suzanne Dills**.

Suzanne, from your original WetSet masthead design to serving as our current membership registrar, you have long demonstrated your commitment to PNA Masters Swimming. Your coaches, teammates, and friends alike testify to your dedication to our sport and to all of us who participate.

Bellevue Club Coach Alan Capron characterizes you as both a second Masters coach on deck and as the team's unofficial social chair. You keep your teammates posted on developments from around the PNA. You not only recruit new swimmers, but serve as a role model, getting them excited about improvement and competition. Even through injury you continued working out, doing the kick sets, perfecting your backstroke, and developing Velotrek expertise.

Your hard work has not gone unnoticed through the world of Masters Swimming. At the 1995 Canadian Nationals, for example, you had All American short course meter times in five events in the 50 - 54 age group, including a National and World record for the 800 meter free. You also qualified as All American in the 800 and 1500 meter freestyle events at the 1995 US Long Course Nationals at Mt. Hood. While you tempered your excitement with characteristic modesty, your coach and team shared your fun and pride—and made sure your feats were published in the *Journal American*.

“The best thing about Sue,” says Coach Alan, “is her daily enthusiasm and commitment to the team. She’s a hard worker and is exciting to work with.” Sue, your positive enthusiasm for swimming and swimmers, encouraging without being judgmental, serves as an inspiration to us all.

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