

Wayne Shadbolt



Wayne Shadbolt is one of the top 10 ranked Masters swimmers in the world in his age group, a distinction he won in competition this summer.

Shadbolt, who started swimming for health reasons only 18 years ago, has achieved amazing results in his short career as a swimmer. Once he realized he could swim competitively, he has brought home first, second, and third place medals from top national and international meets.

In May of this year, competing for the Westport YMCA in the 1992 YMCA National Swimming Championships in Ft. Lauderdale, he was named a Master Swimming "All American" as a member of the 4 x 100 yard freestyle relay team, which set a new national record for the event.

In competition in Indianapolis, Indiana from June 25th through July 4th of this year, representing the United

States against top Masters swimmers from 45 countries at the 4th World Masters Swimming Championships, Shadbolt won four medals.

On Labor Day in 1981, he won the prestigious Waikiki Roughwater 2.4 mile race in his age group. This event is considered the "Boston Marathon" of the swimming world with 1,400 competitors from around the world.

Earlier this year he took home the gold at the Connecticut Senior Olympics at the University of Bridgeport, an event that drew thousands of athletes competing in 18 sports.

Born in West Orange, New Jersey, Shadbolt was a single-wing back in high school football, ran varsity track, and played football with Franklin & Marshall College. As an amateur boxer, he holds a decision over Vince Martinez, who later won the world's lightweight championship, and he has won horsemanship honors.

Over his relatively short career as a swimmer, he has competed virtually throughout the world against world class swimmers in his age group. And he is continuing his competitive swimming in retirement.

Very active in civic matters, he was a founding member of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, served as vice president of the Norwalk High School Fathers Club in the early 1950s, and is a past president of the Connecticut Masters swim team. He served with the Norwalk Symphony Society, Red Cross, church and fraternal organizations, and currently serves as Guest Relations Representative at Norwalk Hospital as a volunteer.

Retired as senior vice president at J.M. Layton & Co., where he served 29 years, he is married to the former Mary Wojtko. They live at 60 George Avenue in Norwalk.