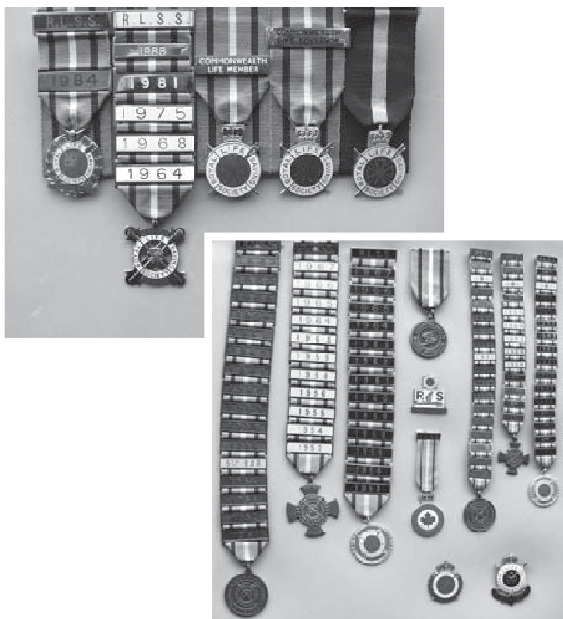


Above: Jack Boddington with awards at age 22.
Below: Some of his numerous Lifesaving Society medals he earned over the years.



Still Swimming After all These Years!

When the opportunity presented itself, Jack Boddington jumped at the chance to participate in a ReBronze event. So for the 19th time in 60 years, Jack took to the water to test his Bronze Medallion skills. In keeping with a Confucius saying of “He who tries something and fails, is infinitely greater than he who tries nothing and succeeds,” Jack commented, “How easy it would have been to “try nothing”, rather than attempting the ReBronze at my age - and how pleased and proud I am of the fact that I tried”.

For his next challenge, at 83 years of age, Jack plans to compete in swimming events at the Sydney 2009 World Masters Games. Jack’s passion for water started at school in England. He recalls that, “we were very lucky that our school provided swimming lessons, not many children had that opportunity way back then.” Those school lessons launched him into a lifetime of swimming and lifesaving skills training.

Jack’s skills as a swimmer served him well, when at the age of 22 he was required by his employer to become trained in water rescue. This led him to completing his first Bronze Medallion in 1948, which at that time was seen as a rare and precious capability. His first Bronze Medallion, was only the beginning, Jack obtained the full suite of lifesaving proficiency skill awards. Over the next 20 years, Jack kept his awards current: Bronze Medallion (18 Bars); Bronze Cross (12 Bars); Award of Merit (14 Bars), Distinction and Diploma.

A LIFETIME OF SERVICE

Today, Jack holds the highest volunteer service award that the Royal Life Saving Society Commonwealth can appoint. In his role as a Commonwealth Vice President he carries in his mind, a rich heritage of Lifesaving Society history. In his heart, he holds a sincere wish that each one of us continue on our lifelong journey to ensure that other people could gain lifesaving skills to help those in need. One of the awards of which Jack is most proud is the Service Cross (1962) with an incredible five bars (1964, 1968, 1975, 1981 & 1988).

“Lifesaving Society award holders are individuals who have had the foresight, ambition and humanity to take lifesaving skills training. These are the people who stand ready to uphold the Lifesaving Society motto of “Whomsoever you see in distress, recognize in him a fellow man.”

- Jack Boddington, 2008

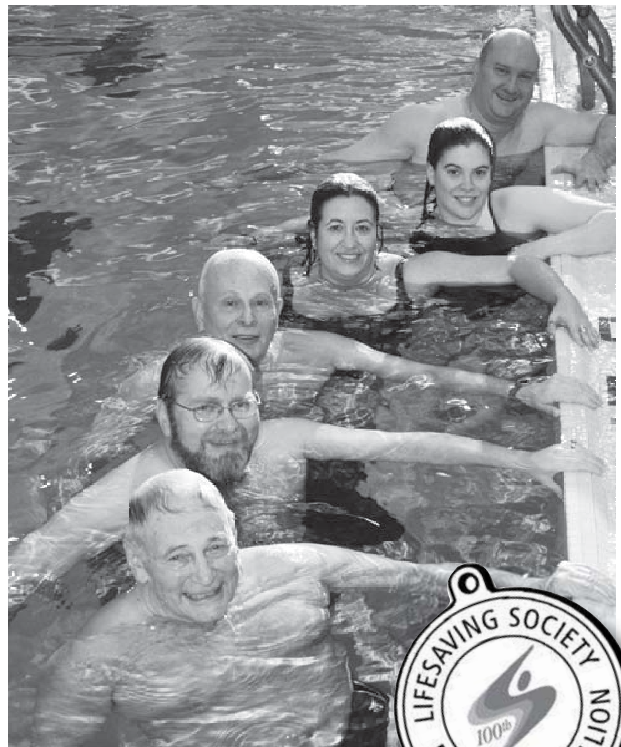


“As a Lifesaving Society award holder you are a member of highly dignified and prestigious organization which is held with great respect around the world. The Society with its rich history has benefited greatly from its Royal patronage.”

- Jack Boddington, 2008

Jack Boddington Award

Recognizing Significant Volunteer Service to the Branch



ReBronzed!

Lifesaving Society Presidents from our past joined our incoming President for a dip in the pool and took the ReBronze Challenge

From Front to Back:

- Jack Boddington (1963-69)
- Colin Reichle (2003-04)
- Rudy Berghuys (1975)
- Barbara Kusyanto (1995-96)
- Heather Barnhouse (Current Director)
- Rob Campbell (President Elect)



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