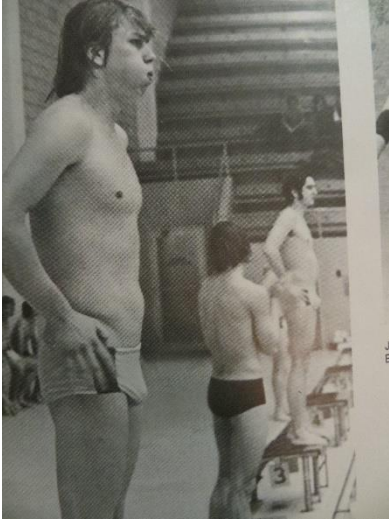


2020 Hall of Fame Inductee

Michael “Mick” Barry grew up in Chicago, IL. While attending Brothers Rice High School, he was an accomplished water polo athlete. During his high school athletic career, Mick was a two time All-American, was ranked in the top seven water polo athletes, and



captain of two Illinois Water Polo State Championship teams. He was also considered as an alternate for the US Olympic team.

After a successful high school career, Mick decided to pursue a Bachelor’s Degree in Forestry at Iowa State University. While attending ISU, Mick was a successful swimmer for the varsity swim team and started the water polo club team. After graduating in 1972, Mick went on to get his master’s degree at Henderson State.

In 2000, Mick began competing in the Iowa Senior Games. In his first year of competition, Mick earned six gold medals and broke one record. After competing for another two years, Mick took a break from competition.

In 2010, Mick was approached to compete on the U.S. national water polo team at the FINA World Masters Championships where the team got 2nd place. He continued to compete on the U.S. team until 2015 when he was asked to join the Slovakia team.

In 2015, Mick was inducted into the Illinois Hall of Fame for Water Polo, and in 2016, he was inducted into the Brothers Rice High School Hall of Fame for Water Polo and Swimming.

Mick has made it a priority to compete in the Iowa Senior Games when not competing at the FINA World Masters Championships. He has made the most of the 7 years competing in the Games by winning 51 medals with 50 gold. He currently holds 15 records in swimming with his best year in 2017 when he broke 8 records.



Mick’s most memorable moments in the Iowa Senior Games are when he competes against Alan Schenck. The two use this competition to bring the Iowa vs. Iowa State rivalry to the Games. The friendly banter back and forth on who is the better swimmer when on the blocks makes competing fun.

When Mick is not competing, he enjoys panning for gold, coaching the ISU water polo team, and chasing around his four grandkids. He currently resides in Ankeny.