

Swimming

Aileen Riffin Soule, former Olympic Games standout, was recently inducted into the Swimming Hall of Fame at Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Established three years ago, the Hall of Fame now has a select membership of 69.

Earlier Hall of Fame members from Hawaii include **Duke Kahanamoku**, coach **Soichi Sakamoto** and **Bill Smith**.

Aileen entered the Olympics in 1920 as a swimmer and diver at Antwerp, Belgium, and in the 1924 games at Paris. She won the Olympic springboard championships in 1920, the first time this event was ever held. Aileen also placed fifth in the high diving event to pace the U.S. in that event. In the 1924 games in Paris Aileen was second in the springboard three-meter diving and also placed third in the women's 100-meter backstroke.

Selections to the Hall of Fame are made on a world-wide basis on a vote of 1,130 swimming coaches in the United States.



Aileen Riffin receiving gold medal award at 1920 Olympic Games, Antwerp, Belgium, for winning ladies' springboard. Albert I, King of Belgium, with Prince Leopold on the right. Aileen Riffin: "I was 14 then and weighed only 65 pounds."