DARWIN ATKIN MEMORIAL
FLY TYING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Presented by International Federation of Fly Fishers
FLY TYING GROUP

This is an award created to recognize an IFFF member whose long-term contribution to fly tying is widely recognized and respected. This award is for outstanding achievement and demonstrated commitment of the person in significantly advancing the craft and art of fly tying.

To preserve the integrity and prestige of this award, it is recommended that it be awarded judiciously and infrequently, but it is not intended that the frequency stipulation deprive a truly deserving individual.

Any member or Governor of the IFFF Fly Tying Group may nominate an IFFF member for this award. Nominations shall be forwarded to the Chairman of the Fly Tying Group Board of Governors. Selection shall be by the entire Fly Tying Group Board of Governors. A successful nomination shall require a 2/3 majority vote by the IFFF Fly Tying Group Board of Governors. Successful nominations will be forwarded to the IFFF Awards Committee for review and final approval.

Recipient will receive a special engraved plaque and a Life Membership in the IFFF. If they already have a life membership in the IFFF they will receive a Life FTG Membership. Their name will also be engraved on a master plaque on display at the IFFF office.
Criteria for Submitting a Candidate for the Award

1. Complete the cover sheet titled "FTG Darwin Atkin Memorial Fly Tying Achievement Award Nomination."

2. Criteria Guidelines:
   a. Candidate must be an IFFF member in good standing.
   b. The nomination document should identify specific reasons why the person is being nominated.

As written in the award description, "long-term contribution to fly tying" should be identified. "Long term" may be interpreted differently by BOG evaluators. We are not putting a specific minimum number of years on this as the interpreted value of the contribution may also be considered in the evaluation. Contributions might be inter-connected, related in a progression, or consist of many stand-alone contributions.

"Contribution to fly tying" may also take on many different aspects. Examples to consider might include:

- Books written on fly tying patterns, techniques, related entomology of importance to fly tiers, river journals identifying information important to fly tiers, and material handling
- Development of materials having long term usage by tiers, i.e. synthetics, genetic hackles, worthy substitutes.
- Development of techniques or products to produce results considered important to tiers, i.e. special tools and how to use them.
- Providing a venue or opportunities for fly tiers to display their work. An example might be a person providing extensive long-term leadership in organizing fly tying venues, or direction on displaying the art of fly tying.

It is not a requirement that the person being nominated be a fly tier.

"Widely recognized and respected" adds more aspects to be considered. These terms are open to individual BOG interpretations. Think in terms of widely recognized as
opposed to a very local or regional application. The "widely respected" refers to the contributions being considered as worthwhile by, and is used by a large portion of the fly tying community. Letters of support from other persons could help in providing additional information about a nominee's impact on the total fly tying community. These supportive documents are encouraged to verify the widely recognized and respected contributions of the nominee. Essentially, you need to convince 2/3 of the BOGs these contributions by the nominee fit the widely recognized and respected requirement.

A key part of the nomination document should address the "outstanding achievement and demonstrated commitment" in "significantly advancing the craft and art of fly tying." Again, what may be outstanding to one person may be mediocre to another.

Your job as a nominator is to justify to 2/3 of the FTG BOGs the achievement as outstanding. When we use the term demonstrated commitment we are talking about actually producing an entity to evaluate. Some people are full of great ideas but they do nothing with them. We are looking for those individuals that "walk the talk" in advancing the craft and art of fly tying.

This award will be presented at the annual meeting of the IFFF and the deadline for nominations is April 1st each year.

Nominations (file size not to exceed 5MB) should be submitted by e-mail to the current chairman of the Fly Tying Group. Please check the Federation’s website for the current chairman at:

http://www.fedflyfishers.org/Tying/HistoryGovernance/FTGBoardofGovernors.aspx
FTG Darwin Atkin Memorial Fly Tying

Achievement Award Nomination

Name of nominee: _______________________________________

Name of nominator: _______________________________________

Date submitted to FTG Chair: ____________

Attach this cover sheet to the supporting document you are submitting to the FTG to justify this nomination.

Nominations and supporting documentation deadline is April 1\textsuperscript{st} unless otherwise stated.

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Space below is to be filled in by the FTG BOG Chair prior to distribution to the FTG BOG.

Date received by FTG BOG Chair _________________

Date distributed to FTG BOG by Chair _________________

Result of FTG BOG action:

_____ IFFF FTG BOGs approved the nomination by at least a 2/3 majority vote

_____ IFFF FTG BOGs did not approve the nomination by at least a 2/3 majority vote

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