The 1995 Buz Buszek Memorial Fly Tying Award for fly tying excellence was presented to Marvin Craig Nolte of Bar Nunn, Wyoming at the 1995 International Fly Fishing Show and Conclave in Livingston, Montana. Marvin says the reason he received the award was due to the persistence of the people (his local club the Wyoming Fly Casters and Wayne Luallen) who nominated him.

He was born in September 1947 in Fort Sill, Oklahoma to military parents. He graduated from Central Methodist College in Fayette, Missouri with a degree in biology. Next he spent eleven years as a bomb disposal officer in the U.S. Army. Following his army career Marvin spent 13 years as a Health Physicist at a Uranium mill in central Wyoming. His final career has been as a professional fly tyer which he began in 1983 part time and then full time since 1993.

Most people begin fly fishing and then take up fly tying. Not Marvin! He started fly tying in 1969 when his wife, Victoria, bought a fly tying kit as a Christmas present for him while they were stationed in Germany. He says it was one of those typical fly tying kits with the gaudy colored chenille's and feathers. Next, he obtained a Poul Jorgenson book on tying flies and that was how he learned the art of tying flies. In 1984 he started tying Atlantic Salmon flies which he has become famous for. He started fly fishing in 1978 when he returned to the U.S.

As an instructor, he has taught fly tying to beginners to the very advanced. He is also an expert in aquatic entomology and teaches classes in that field also. Marvin says his most popular classes today are Atlantic Salmon flies and antique flies. Having taken a class from him in both these areas, I can say that he is an excellent instructor.

As a writer Marvin has authored fly tying articles that have appeared in Fly Fishermen, Fly Tyer and a British journal called Fly Fishing and Fly Tying. He also authored a booklet on entomology for the Federation called An Introduction to Aquatic Insects. He was also one of nine contributors to Tying the Classic Salmon Fly edited by Michael D. Radencich. He was one of twenty-three tiers from around the world to be featured in Judith Dunham's book The Atlantic Salmon Fly.

His activities with the local fly fishing club included serving as president and writing the fly of the month for 8 years which is 96 different patterns. Marvin says he literally was scraping the bottom of the barrel and had to quit.

Marvin enjoys fly fishing today in Idaho and Montana as well as the North Platte in his home state. He especially enjoys a week long trip to Henry's Lake every year to fish with friends.

Marvin says he is not an originator of patterns but he doesn't mind modifying existing patterns. His favorite trout patterns are the Strip Leach and the Zelon Comparadun.

As a fly tyer he has demonstrated his abilities and techniques in Denmark, England, Holland, Norway and Scotland beside the U.S. He is rightfully proud of being the designer and dresser of the Grainger Collection, the largest collection of framed classic Atlantic Salmon flies in the world. To date this collection consists of 338 framed Atlantic salmon flies.

Marvin is also a fly fishing history buff and it is very interesting to spend time with him discussing the origins of our wonderful sport.

As one who has known many of the Buszek winners I can honestly say that the high prestige of this award is elevated with the addition of the 1995 Buszek winner Marvin Nolte, a fine fly tyer and gentleman.