IFFF 50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION COMES TO BEND

The IFFF 50th Anniversary Fair was held at the Riverhouse Convention Center in Bend Oregon August 10th – 15th, 2015. The FFF was born in Oregon 50 years ago. Bringing the anniversary celebration to Oregon proved to be the best in every way.

There has been lots of Facebook chatter and articles written about this wonderful event. The behind the scenes planning and making it happen that go into an event like this one is rarely in the spotlight. So this is the story about volunteers and how important they really are and how much they care about this wonderful organization.

The planning started several years ago. The IFFF National President Phil Greenlee, Office Staff, Board of Directors, Council Presidents, Casting and Tying Board of Governors made decisions to jump-start the process. Behind the scenes came all the IFFF members and volunteers from around the nation that put the boots on the ground. From first cast to last cast hundreds of Oregon volunteers stepped up to help out.

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Council President’s Message

Welcome to the Oregon Flyfisher quarterly newsletter and thank you Keith Burkhart for stepping up as our newsletter editor.

Five years ago I put my hat in the ring to become your council president. It has been wonderful second career.

It is time for me to spend more time with family and fishing. I will officially resign as your council president on October 17th at the end of the council board meeting in Albany.

It took me 2 years of actively looking for a new leader for the council. I am sure I have found the right person. Charlie Schillinsky has accepted the position of VP/President Elect. He will be voted into the Presidents position at the October 17th BOD meeting. Charlie has a great deal of history with the IFFF and has been in several leadership positions in his military, working and volunteer career. He will be a great leader for our organization. Please welcome him as I have.

I plan on remaining on the Council BOD as the club representative for Central Oregon Fly Tyers Guild, plus the interim Conservation & Membership Chair until Charlie appoints new volunteers for those positions. Please get in touch with him if you are interested.

A big thank you to John Kreft for stepping up to be our Expo Chair in 2015 & 2016. His willingness to also serve as our Council Treasurer made the rest of my job so much easier.

Thanks to all council board members, committee members and volunteers for all your help during my 5-year tenure. I will still be an active member of the IFFF, serving on IFFF National Committees, as I am needed.

It has sure been a pleasure serving you,
Sherry Steele
President Oregon Council 2011-2015

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Message From Our Incoming President - Charlie Schillinsky

I consider the position of President of the Oregon Council of the IFFF to be one of honor and great responsibility. As I enter this journey I am experiencing the normal jitters and uncertainty. However, I also have a great deal of resolve and confidence that I can carry out my duties as President.

I must first thank Sherry Steele for the job she has so admirably performed in this position and the great deal of help and guidance she has provided, and will continue to provide, in the administration of this office. She is a winner and I plan to continue to rely on her wisdom, experience, and advice.

I am also inheriting a Council with a proven track record. I am so lucky in this regard and I know that I can also rely on their guidance when needed. I am in this position to help them, and you, in any manner I am able. I have entered my email address and personal phone numbers if any of you wish to contact me about any issues, ideas, recommendations or other matters you have with the Oregon Council or the IFFF that you wish to discuss with me. Nothing is too small or unimportant for me to give it my full attention if you are concerned or have suggestions.

I know not what the future holds for me in this position. I have no plans for any sweeping changes in policy or procedures, nor do I have any radical ideas about changing the Council or the IFFF. One plan I do have and will execute as soon as I can do the scheduling is to visit every IFFF club in Oregon during one of your monthly meetings. Needless to say, this will probably take over a year to accomplish. The purpose of this travel is to introduce myself to the membership, to elicit comments, suggestions, ideas and other matters that concern your individual clubs and to provide you the opportunity to directly discuss these with me.

I promise to be straightforward, honest, and sincere with any dealings I have with any person I meet. I will uphold the integrity of the office, the aims of the Oregon Council and the IFFF. I shall be prompt in addressing issues that are put before me and will try to answer all correspondence as soon as possible. I work for the members of the IFFF in Oregon and will remember that daily.

Thank you for your time in reading this and I do hope that any of you who attend various events in Oregon, or in other places where I am present, officially or unofficially, you will come to me and introduce yourself. I really like meeting new people, especially if they are Fly Fishers!!!

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Volunteers Needed for 2016 NW Fly Tyers Expo

We are looking for volunteers for the 2016 NW Fly Tyers and Fly Fishing Expo, March 11th and 12th, 2016 at the Linn County Fair Complex in Albany, Oregon. We have need for people to work the registration desk, tyer’s services, classroom monitors and many more. If you have a couple hours your would like to volunteer, please contact Keith Burkhart—Volunteer Chair at blueback4me@comcast.net or 503-931-6926. You will receive free entry to the event and a complimentary show pin for your efforts.
IFFF 50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION COMES TO BEND (cont.)

The Oregon Council local committee was formed in September 2014 and we were off and running. This committee’s purpose was to handle the backbone of getting things done locally and so they did. Everything from facilities to off site locations for on and off the water programs was in the mix. Each person on the committee had a specific part they handled and ended up recruiting sub-committee members to help them.

Clubs in several areas that I call “Couldn’t Have Done It Without You”. There were 106 volunteers just from Oregon and listing them in the article would be a challenge to say the least.

Oregon Clubs:

Central Oregon Flyfishers (1,043 total volunteer hours)  Central Oregon Fly Tyers Guild
Cascade Family Flyfishers  Central Coast Flyfishers
Klamath Country Fly Casters  McKenzie Flyfishers
North Santiam Spey Casters  Santiam Fly Casters
Southern Oregon Flyfishers  Stonefly Maidens
Umpqua Valley Flyfishers  Washington County Flyfishers

Some of the Local Super Volunteers that helped to make it happen:

Robin Healy – Volunteer Coordinator  Karen Kreft – Woman’s University
Marv Clemons - Raffle  Shirley Scott – Raffle Baskets
Donna & Skip Hosfield - Super Raffle  Dave Roberts - Tying
Charlie Renn – Youth Program in Exhibit Hall  Robert Blount – Facilities
Sherry Steele – Exhibitors  Peter Martin – Everywhere man
Marcus Lopez – Exhibitor Assistant  Dwight Klemin – Old Mill Casting
Mary Ann Dozer – Programs & Casting  Jan Fisher – Merchandise Sales
Eric Steele – Everywhere  John & Chris Tackmier – Water delivery +

“And Many More”

Thank you everyone for your time and energy to make this event very successful.

Sherry Steele

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The Northwest Fly Fishing and Fly Tying Expo is an annual event put on by the Oregon Council of the International Federation of Fly Fishers. The 2016 Expo will be held March 11th and 12th at the Linn County Fair Grounds in Albany, Oregon. The doors open each morning at 9:00am. This is an event you will want to put on the calendar now.

The main attraction is over 200 demonstration tyers that rotate every 2 ½ hours over the two days. There are 70 tyers tying at individual tables with chairs provided to sit and watch the tyer. All of the fly genres are covered including nymphs, dry, steelhead, classic salmon, streamers, and realistic flies. If you are not sure who to watch, the best thing to do is to walk around the tyer tables and find an open seat. Even if you are not interested in a specific type of fly, a lot can be learned by sitting down and watching a tyer demonstrate different techniques. Tyers will have tips on material selection, tying tips, and sometimes fishing tips for the patterns. They are also able to answer questions during the demonstration. It is one of the best ways to learn and improve tying skills.

Classes are offered each day for fly tying, casting, and fly fishing. Classes are limited in size, so learn in a classroom environment that are 1 on 1, which ties to work on specific casting classes that cover both single and fly fishing classes will help pre-location. You can sign-up for http://nwexpo.com, starting in January 2016. The classes change each year, so make sure you check out what is being offered this year.

Over 50 exhibitors attend the expo and offer great deals on everything from fly tying materials, fly rods and reels, fly fishing art, and boats. The Expo presents an opportunity to see a wide variety of items in once place. Exhibitors often offer special show discounts and will also have new items available for purchase. There are many art items that are one of a kind and make special gifts.

Throughout both days there are silent auctions and raffles. Exhibitors and participants make wonderful donations that are used for these purposes. The event concludes with a live auction and banquet Saturday evening. The live auction offers one of a kind framed flies along fly rods and other special items. During the banquet two college students that are majoring in fishery management are awarded scholarships. The students give a short talk on what they are studying and it provides a look into the research that is being done on fisherman's behalf.

The Expo is put on by the Oregon Council to provide education to the general public on fly fishing and fly tying. The revenues generated by the Expo are also used by the Oregon Council to provide educational programs on fly tying, casting, and fishing throughout the state of Oregon. The Council also supports conservation projects with the proceeds.

We hope to see you at the Expo in 2016!

nwexpo.com

The Store is open at nwexpo.com if you would like to pre-order Banquet tickets, raffle ticket packages, shirts or hat. If you are a volunteer, tyer or just would like a shirt or hat from the 2016 Expo, you can get online and order it now.
The Oregon Council Awards Program is a means to recognize the accomplishments of members’ of the Oregon Council for outstanding efforts during the past year. The awards will be presented annually at the Northwest Fly Tying and Fly Fishing Expo. The program consists of the five awards and criteria listed below.

**DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS IS JANUARY 31st OF EACH YEAR**

**FEDERATOR OF THE YEAR** – Given annually to the individual who has demonstrated unusual devotion to the Oregon Council, and through outstanding contributions has benefitted the Oregon Council and the Federation as an international organization.

A minimum of three years membership and service to the Council is required.

Service should be voluntary.

The individual should have not previously won the award.

The award should be for achievements that are Council wide in scope.

Continuing service is of prime importance. Therefore, consideration generally should be weighted 70% for cumulative service and 30% for achievements in the past year.

Devotion and contributions to the Council should be consistent with Council and IFFF objectives, and be superior to those other candidates.

*All nominations to be submitted to the Council Awards Chair. Final decisions to be made by the Council Executive Board.*

**CLUB OF THE YEAR** – An award given annually to that Oregon Council Club which has made the most outstanding contributions on behalf of the Oregon Council.

Must be a member club with at least three years on continuous affiliation.

Award should be based on cumulative service, but significant activities in the past year is important. A ratio of 70% past years to 30% present year should serve as a guideline but not be restrictive.

Activities and services performed should be primarily on behalf of the Council. Those functions may have as their primary outlet another organization but ultimately benefiting the Council should be of secondary consideration.

Outstanding contributions are those that are conspicuous in relations to others – consistent contributions over a period of time. Contributions should be defined as those acts that fall within the scope of (insert reference to Council Bylaws)

*All nominations to be submitted to the Council Awards Chair. Final decisions to be made by the Council Executive Board.*

**STAN WALTERS MEMORIAL FLY TYER OF THE YEAR** – An award given annually to that person who has made a significant contributions to the art of fly tying.

Must be an IFFF member in good standing.

Can be an amateur or professional. (This is a difficult area. What an amateur does out of sheer love and enjoyment, a professional must do to make a living. Nevertheless, it is often the professional who, through their skills, offers more to the advancement of the art. Therefore, it will be necessary to make some judgment on intent. Obviously, if the primary intent is to teach and share knowledge, it should merit serious consideration.)
Advancement of the art can be on the local or regional level.

Participation in the Council is not a prerequisite, but any activity that benefits the council should be highly regarded.

Achievements and contributions should promote the advancement of the arts and qualifications should be superior to other candidates.

All nominations to be submitted to the Council Awards Chair. Nominations will be forwarded to the Northwest Fly Tying Expo Tying Chair. The Tying Chair along with his committee of two others will forward their recommendations to the Awards Chair. Final decisions to be made by the Council Executive Board.

FRANK MOORE CONSERVATION AWARD – An award given to an individual, group or organization that has made extraordinary contributions to the conservation of our fisheries resources. The criteria are as below:

The individual, group or organization need not be affiliated with the Oregon Council of the IFFF.

Eligible for this award would be individuals, Clubs, groups or organizations and state departments or agencies.

This award should be based on a single outstanding contribution or on a continuous prominent effort promoting conservation.

The individual, group or organization should have not previously won the award.

The award need not be an annual award, but would be given on an “as merited” basis.

Extraordinary contributions are those that are superior and conspicuous in relation to other and consistent with the philosophies of the Oregon Council.

All nominations to be submitted to the Council Awards Chair and routed to the Council VP of Conservation for evaluation and recommendation. Final decisions to be made by the Council Executive Board.

POLLY ROSBOROUGH LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD – Established in 1993 this is an award presented to an individual who has shown unusual devotion and has made outstanding contributions to the Oregon Council, its member clubs and fly fishers in general.

Must be a member in good standing of the IFFF.

A minimum of ten years’ service is required.

The nominee must one or more of the following criteria:

- Has promoted the sport of fly fishing and enhanced the knowledge and the ability of other fly fishers.
- Has devoted energy to youth education activities to help the next generation of fly fisher.
- Has made significant contributions to the preservation and enhancement of fishery resources.
- Is a proven teacher in the arts and sciences of fly fishing.
- Has shown unusual devotion to the Oregon Council and through outstanding contributions has benefited the Oregon Council as an organization.

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

Nominations to be made to the Oregon Council President and require a two-thirds majority vote of the entire Board of Directors.

All nomination should be submitted in writing to the Oregon Council Awards Chair Keith Burkhart at blueback4me@comcast.net or by mail to 865 Sonata Lane N., Keizer, OR 97303. All nominations should include a letter of nomination outlining the qualifications of the nominee and any letter of support from other interested parties. Deadline for nomination is January 31, 2016. Awards will be presented at the NW Fly Tyers and Fly Fishing Expo in March of 2016.
Congratulations to Central Oregon Fly Tyers Guild and Extreme Fly Fishing Japan

The IFFF Golden Anniversary Plate was created by nine members (see list below) of the Central Oregon Fly Tyers Guild an IFFF Charter club based in Sisters, OR.

At the IFFF 50th Anniversary live auction August 14, 2105 the plate was sold to Extreme Fly Fishing Japan who was the highest bidder in the Live Auction for this plate. This beautiful anniversary fly plate will hang in their fly shop in Aichi, Japan.

The Guild President, Sherry Steele and club members brain stormed to figure out how a 50th anniversary plate could be created in a very special way. They decided that each member would pick a classic salmon fly or variation with the word gold in the name in celebration of the 50th Anniversary.

Jim Fisher the designer and builder created the shadow box frame and backlit it with led lights. This took framing to the next level in creativity. The flies are mounted on green felt board in the shape of Oregon - Oregon represents the first meeting and the 50th meeting of the IFFF.

"We are honored to have our plate go to Kenji Sugisaka, President of Extreme Fishing Japan – Ken-Cube. The picture included in this article really shows how happy everyone is"

IFFF Golden Anniversary Plate 1965 – 2015

Golden Girl – Jim Crislip – St Helens, Oregon
Gold Judge – Jim Ferguson – Salem, Oregon
Golden Demon - Robert Wolin – Sisters, Oregon
Gold Finch – Valarie Anderson – Sisters, Oregon
Goldie Hawn – Richard Rohrbaugh – Lake Oswego, Oregon
Golden Butterfly ; Mckay - Jim Kreft – Sisters, Oregon
Golden Shannon – Sherry Steele – Sisters, Oregon
Golden Eagle - Ron Bell – Bend, Oregon
Golden Butterfly ; Traherne – Jim Fisher – Jefferson, Oregon

For more information or to join the Central Oregon Fly Tyers Guild: Email Sherry Steele steelefly@msn.com
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