IWFF Honorary Member
Dave Connolly

Dave was born in Edmonton and moved Vancouver when he was two years old. He grew up in Vancouver, where he met his wife Pat. They were married in 1956.

Six months later, Dave was transferred to Prince George by the Vancouver Glass company he then worked for. Two years later, his company opened a branch in Edmonton and Dave was again transferred.

In November 1960, Dave and Pat bought a glass company in Dawson Creek B.C. Their two sons, Ken and Jay were both born in Dawson Creek, Ken in 1960 and Jay in1962.

In December 1971, Dave and a partner expanded the business and moved to Kelowna where Dave and Family would live until 1983 when they moved to Nanaimo.

Dave and son, Ken, started Budget Glass in Dec1983 in the Wellington area, Nanaimo. Dave retired from the business in October 1999.

Except for dabbling in Real Estate for a couple of years, Dave spent his entire working career in the glass business.

Dave started fly-fishing in Dawson Creek in the 60's where there were many great places to fish. A good friend introduced him to the Kelowna Fly Fishing Club where he became a member for several years. The friend also taught Dave how to tie flies.

After Moving to Nanaimo, Dave joined IWFF in 1994. His accomplishments with IWFF include becoming a director at the November 1997 AGM. He, along with Steve Wawrykow, were heavily involved with the monthly newsletter and articles for several years. In 2001 Dave took care of the Gilly but was not a director. Also, in 2001 Dave was "member of the year" and became President for the 2002 and 2003 terms. He remained on the board until the end of 2004 as Past President when he took a step back and became a regular member. `

Dave's favourite place to fish was the Eve River, but also enjoyed lake fishing in such lakes as Fuller, Chemainus and Shawnigan Lake.

Dave has been a member of the Rotary Club of Nanaimo for the past 35 years and enjoys hobbies such as cycling, travel and pickle ball.

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