

IWFF Honorary Member
STEVE WAYRYKOW
(Oct 29/1939 – Jan 14/2019)



Steve was born, raised, and taught school in the county of Thorhild, Alberta (north of Edmonton). He was married to his lovely wife, Vi in 1965. They moved to Bowden where Steve spent two years teaching school in Innisfail, a neighbouring town south of Red Deer AB. It was then back to the Thorhild and Radway area for more teaching and farming with Vi, on her family farm.

Steve started fishing while in Alberta and some of those trips were to BC. The farm was sold several years after Steve retired and in 1993, the move was made to Nanaimo.

Steve became hooked on fly fishing, contacted IWFF, and joined the club.

As well as fly fishing, Steve enjoyed getting together with friends, singing songs, travelling and sightseeing. Steve developed a passion for computers. He built two himself just to see if he could, and he enjoyed teaching others about computers.

Steve joined the Board of Directors shortly after joining the club in 1997. He started writing the newsletters shortly thereafter. Steve remained on the Board of Directors becoming Vice President in 1999 and President in 2000 and 2001. During the same period, Steve remained in charge of the newsletter and in 2003 he took on the role of Webmaster as well. In 2004, Steve gave up the lead role in producing the newsletter to Bernie Heinrichs, and he remained on the Board as Webmaster until 2008.

In 2016, the Board of Directors decided to honour members who met certain criteria. Steve was among the first to be honoured.

Steve was a wonderful member of IWFF and is sadly missed.

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