

IWFF Honorary Member

TOM SKILTON

(Sept 29/1932 – Oct 6/2010)



Tom was born in Toronto, and lived in Calgary, Vancouver and Nanaimo. For most of his working life, he was employed in sales.

As a member of Island Waters Fly Fishers, Tom's sales experience was put to work in soliciting donations for the club's Christmas auction. In short, he had the gift of gab and loved to chat with store owners. He certainly made the job of Entertainment Director much easier as he would phone and say he had a carload of donations. He would then drop over for coffee and a slice of apple pie, chat and then would be on his way.

Two of Tom's goals in later life were, the preservation of Cottle Lake in Linley Valley and the teaching of his grandson Chase, how to fly fish.

It should also be mentioned that Tom served as a director in 2007.

In the fall of 2009 Tom was diagnosed with ALS, but he carried on with donation gathering for that year's Christmas Auction. Even after having to go into care, he loved getting email jokes and photos.

In early October 2010, Tom passed away. Some of his last words, "You need to keep on doing, what you can keep on doing, because you just never know when you won't be able to keep on doing. So just keep on doing, while you still can. "

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