

Awards of The Central Oregon Flyfishers

The Central Oregon Flyfishers recognizes service by its members through awards. The *Fly Fisher of the Year*, the *Honorary Life Member* and the *Conservation* award recipients are determined by an annually-appointed awards committee. On occasion, a *Special Award*, authorized by the Board of Directors, is presented to recognize other service or efforts consistent with the Club's mission and goals. Also, the outgoing president is recognized with a name tag (stating name and "past president") and a vest, fishing bag or hat embroidered with his/her name. COF members who provide 30 hours or more in a year are presented with the *30-Hour Fly Box* award.

The Awards Committee decides on award recipients, purchases award materials and makes arrangements for presentation. The committee must be made up of active COF members appropriate for the awards to be determined. A three-person committee is ideal. Since the identity of recipients is confidential until presentation of the award, the committee must be selected with that in mind. If a committee member is to be considered for an award, a separate combination of members must be convened to consider that candidacy. The committee must be appointed early enough to allow time for selection of recipients and procurement of awards. Appointment in November or early December is appropriate.

The awards committee's responsibilities include:

- Solicitation of nominations for awards from the Board of Directors and the general membership by placing notices in the COF newsletter.
- Deciding on those who are to receive awards and maintaining confidentiality until the awards are presented.
- Procurement of plaques or other recognition paraphernalia to be presented to awardees.
- Arranging for presentation of awards at COF meetings or events and provision of appropriate background information to the presenter(s).
- Arranging for recognition of award recipients in the COF newsletter.
- Provision of the names and other appropriate information on award recipients to the COF historian, so that the information can be placed in permanent records.
- Arranging for procurement and presentation of the past president's pin and vest. The recipient may chose an alternative to the vest, within a cost limit of \$60 or other limit set by the Board of Directors.

The *Fly Fisher of the Year*, the *Honorary Life Member* and the *Conservation* and *Special* awards are often presented at the annual club banquet, which is normally held in March or April. Past president recognition is normally done in January, when a new president takes office. 30-Hour Fly Box awards are presented at a COF monthly meeting or at other appropriate events as determined by the Board of Directors.

The *Fly Fisher of the Year* award recipient must meet the following criteria:

- Has participated in multiple club activities.
- Is an active member who has made sustained contributions to COF over a number of years.
- Has engaged in activities that have resulted in benefits for COF.
- Has made unique contributions that advanced COF and the sport of fly fishing.
- Has achieved competency in fly fishing.
- Has earned respect within the club.

The *Honorary Life Member* award recipient must have met the preceding criteria over an extended period of time.

The *Conservation* award recipient must have made special contributions in conservation through communication, advocacy, field work, or other service to advance the club's mission and goals.