

LETHBRIDGE FISH AND GAME ASSOCIATION

Vision

The Lethbridge Fish and Game Association is a community organized to Advocate for Conservation, Education, Outdoor Recreation and Shooting Sports.

Mission

Advocate for wildlife, fish and habitat conservation in a spirit of cooperation with other organizations and all levels of government.

Provide facilities and equipment for hunting, fishing, and firearms education.

Promote responsible behavior while using our natural resources with: members, youth and the general public.

Develop a community that fosters a spirit of cooperation, tolerance and understanding while enjoying the outdoors.

OVERVIEW

LFGA Service Awards recognize and celebrate groups or individuals who consistently demonstrate great initiative and effort in supporting achievement of the organization's vision and mission.

Written nominations may be submitted by any LFGA member in good standing to the Board of Governors on or before the 3rd Monday in December for consideration. Submissions must clearly outline how and why it is believed the nominee(s) should be recognized.

Recognition may be awarded annually in the case that eligible nominations have been received by the Board. Awards will be presented each year during the Annual Awards Banquet in February.

Please submit nominations to the Board of Governors in writing, or at ifgazeley@gmail.com on or before **Dec. 15, 2014**

CLUB SERVICE AWARDS

ERLE CARR TROPHY

Established in 1958, this award represents the highest level of recognition for overall outstanding and long term contribution to the vision and mission of the Organization. The essence of the award is characterized by a Beaver – representative of the long term serving member, Mr. Erle Carr for which it is named. Mr Carr was the “busy beaver”; extremely involved in the welfare and development of the LFGA as well as AFGA. He held numerous roles, including Treasurer and President. He was known for his long term service and dedication to habitat conservation and the goals of the organization.

Award Criteria:

- May be awarded only once to an individual.
- Must have demonstrated active long term service for a period of 10 years or greater.
- Must be a member in good standing

NORM & STELLA FERGUSON MEMORIAL AWARD

Established in 2014, this award represents the highest level of recognition for overall outstanding and long term contribution to the “hands on” mentoring of youth within the organization’s vision and mission. Established in memory of Norm and Stella Ferguson, long time serving memberships of both the LFGA and AFGA. Norm Ferguson was also a Life Member of the AFGA for his service at the Provincial level. The Ferguson family was dedicated to involving youth in all aspects of the outdoors from fishing derbies, annual club camp outs, Hunter Education Courses, Camps to Trap/Skeet youth leagues. They believed direct involvement was the best way to “continue the heritage”.

“Outstanding Achievement in mentoring youth in the Organizations goals of Conservation Education, Outdoor Recreation, Fishing & Hunting & Shooting Sports”

*“Tell me, I forget
Show me, I may remember
Involve me, so I learn” (Benjamin Franklin).*

Award Criteria:

- May be awarded only once to an individual
- Must have demonstrated active long term service for a period of 10 years or greater.
- Must be a member in good standing
- Emphasis is placed on the individuals who demonstrate the “involve me” philosophy of leading by example and inclusion of youth. The quote on the award by Benjamin Franklin emphasizes that walking the walk is significant.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

This recognition is given at the discretion of the Board for long term contributions to the Organization.

Award Criteria:

- Not necessarily awarded annually
- Individual must be a past recipient of the Erle Carr Trophy and/or Norm and Stella Ferguson Memorial Award
- Must have minimum of 15 years active service
- Must be a member in good standing

LIFE TIME CONTRIBUTION BY A LIFE MEMBER

This recognition is given at the discretion of the Board for contributions of a Life Member who after receipt of a Life Membership continues to be extremely involved within the Organization.

Award Criteria:

- Not necessarily awarded annually
- May be awarded only once to an individual
- Time period of consideration 10 years or greater of active service from the time the original Life Membership was awarded

SPIRIT OF LFGA - Outstanding Service Award

Those recognized for this award exemplify the essence of the Organization's Mission. Nominees are advocates for wildlife, fish and habitat conservation, and firearms education. They promote responsible use and behavior of our natural resources. They contribute to the development of a community which fosters a spirit of cooperation, tolerance and understanding while enjoying the outdoors.

Award Criteria:

- Not necessarily awarded annually
- May be awarded to an individual or group
- May be awarded to an individual more than once
- Must be a member(s) in good standing
- Individual(s) may previously have received one or more Certificate of Merits, but not required

SPIRIT OF LFGA YOUTH Outstanding Service Award

Those recognized for this award exemplify the essence of the Organization's Mission. Nominees are advocates for wildlife, fish and habitat conservation, and firearms education. They promote responsible use and behavior of our natural resources. They contribute to the development of a community which fosters a spirit of cooperation, tolerance and understanding while enjoying the outdoors.

Award Criteria:

- Not necessarily awarded annually
- May be awarded to an individual or group
- Must be a member in good standing.
- A member who is under the age of 18.

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

This award recognizes an individual for outstanding work that contributes to the welfare of the LFGA in any way.

Award Criteria:

- May be awarded to an individual numerous times for a variety of reasons
- Several individuals may receive this award each year.
- Must be a member in good standing.
- Qualifications for the award are within the focus on the LFGA Mission Statement