



2019 Annual Report

WKA Purpose Statement

To foster and encourage enthusiasm for kite flying, to promote the study of kite design aesthetics, aerodynamics, and the history of kites, as well as to promote kite flying safety, and perpetuate the art and science of kite flying through education.

Establishment

WKA was founded in 1973 and incorporated as a 501c7 non-profit organization in 1986. WKA is the original and oldest kite club in the state of Washington.

2020 Board of Trustees

Officers (Elected 2-year Positions)

President	Casey Shearer
Vice President	Scott Slater
Secretary	Bonnie Ecker
Treasurer	Dan Ecker

Standing Committee Chairs (Volunteers)

Education	Ken Conrad
Membership	Sylvia Bernauer
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2019 WKA Accomplishments

A note from the WKA Board. As a 501c7, we feel it is our responsibility to you, the membership, to tell you how your membership money is being used. This *Annual Report* helps to fill the gap after the loss of a published Newsletter. At least once every year, along with a teleconference or two and emails, the Board gathers with an all-day agenda to discuss a variety of topics requested by Board members, and carrying over from previous Minutes. Meetings are open to members and Minutes are available upon request. We encourage comments and suggestions for making the WKA one of the best organizations you choose to support.

Thank you for continuing your financial support in the Washington Kitefliers Association!

2018 Survey to the Membership continued to move the WKA forward through 2019 with management, the website, and a presence on Facebook. Kinks continue to be worked out. The WKA Board appreciates all input; keep them coming.

Regional online calendar continues to grow as a one-stop look-see for events, covering WA, OR, BC and any other PNW state wishing event advertising. WKA relies on club reps to verify their event dates by the end of the calendar year for posting on the WKA Calendar.

WKA's PayPal account is gaining more use by members renewing their membership and by new members joining. WKA's goal is to increase online use to reduce paper. The WKA absorbs all PayPal account fees.

Festival Banners for Member Use. In addition to the availability of the *Kites for Kids Kitemaking* banner, WKA acquired an *Information* banner (privately funded and

donated to the WKA). Combining these with a *WKA* flag banner (see below pic) will provide the basic signage for a small event. To borrow these two banners, contact Casey Shearer at shear090@comcast.net.



WKA vertical flag banners were assembled into kits and sewn into banners last July/Aug. They are available for purchase from Rick White (ssragtop@aol.com) for \$85 (kit) and \$150 (sewn banner).



Soaring Over Suncadia kite event by Cle Elum was well attended in 2019 for the third year with WKA's assistance. Flying and kitemaking has been part of their overall activities. Suncadia's management group intends to grow this event and it is evident in their 2020 festival planning. Mark your calendar for May 23-24, two days.

Kite Day (2019) in Blaine was a trial event coordinated with their Chamber of Commerce. Held at Blaine Marine Park, it included a fun fly and kids kitemaking. Weather and turnout were good from Snohomish and Whatcom County fliers and the public. Event planning for 2020/2021 is on hold pending the Chamber's decision on field upgrades and sponsorship.



Kids Kitemaking at *Kites Over Kingston* continues to be a hit with their local community. WKA continues to be involved with this annual activity and is one of WKA's busiest activity during the year.

WKA membership banquet and raffle at the WSIKF was attended by 88 members and non-members. This banquet is a key event during the week and a major fundraising opportunity for WKA.

WKA/Tom Sisson Scholarship was awarded to Deb Young to attend in 2020. This is the 17th scholarship since its first award to attend in 2003, providing an opportunity for a WKA member to win expenses to attend. Congratulations Deb!

AKA Convention 2019 – Seaside, Oregon

As with past conventions, the WKA sponsored a piece of the **Mass Ascension pin**. The WKA piece was first in the five-piece collection that created a kite shape.

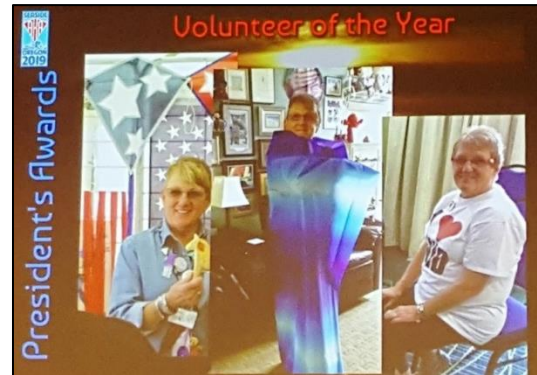


The completed mass ascension pin forms a Japanese-style Suruga kite. It is also known as a "Suruga squid kite" because of its odd five-sided shape that resembles a squid.

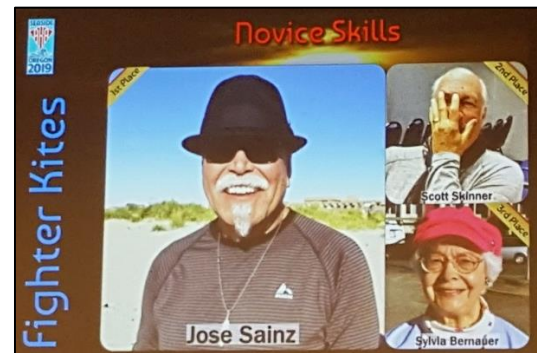
A **Convention Trophy** was also sponsored by the WKA for *Kitemakers Highest Score in Craftsmanship*.

AKA Awards

Congratulations go out to *several* WKA members attending the convention (see below).



➤ **Marla Miller** was named *Volunteer of the Year*. You might not always see her kite flying, but you'll see her always busy with the *Thank You Charlie* program, kitemaking, Mrs. Santa Clause, and is the queen of AKA raffle ticket sales.

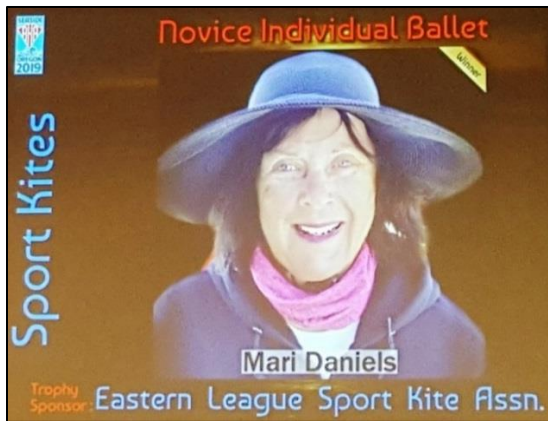


➤ **Sylvia Bernauer** took third place in *Fighter Kites Novice Skills*.



➤ **Cat Gabrel** won 3rd place in *Fighter Kites Experienced Skills*.

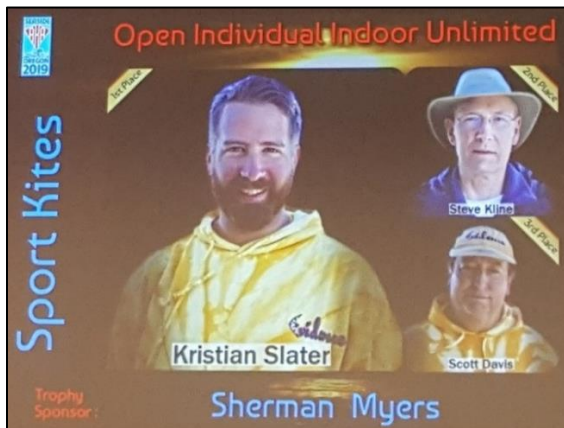




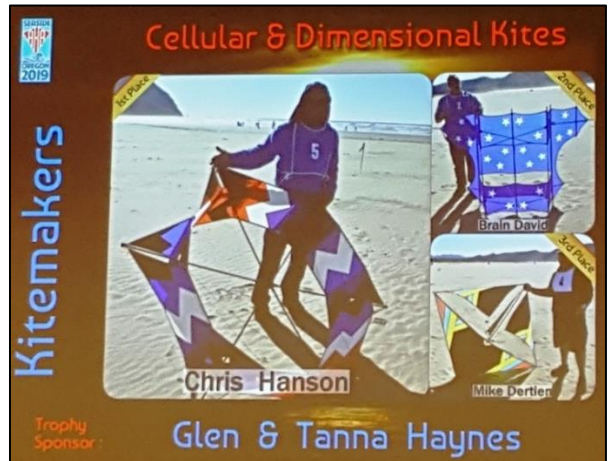
➤ **Mari Daniels** is up and coming in kiting. She was winner in *Sport Kites Novice Individual Ballet* and took 2nd in both *Sport Kites Experienced Individual Multi-Line Precision* and *Multi-Line Ballet*.



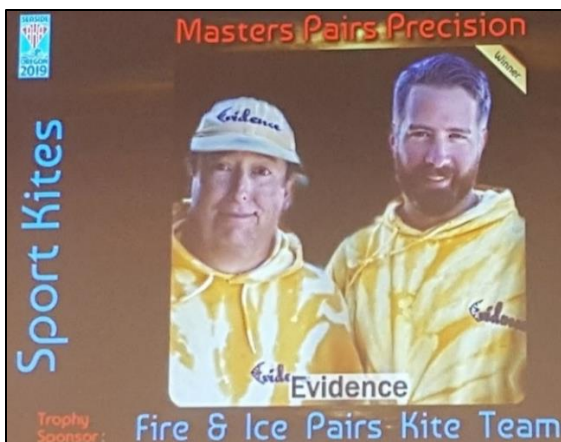
Outside of kitemaking and flying, Jon Burkhardt honored **Scott** with a *Special Recognition* award for his extraordinary assistance in setting up the field and sound system every day. Not an easy task!



➤ What CAN we say? **Kristian Slater** and **Scott Davis** cleaned up in *Sport Kites... Open Individual Indoor Unlimited*, 1st and 3rd. Then, **Scott** took 1st in *Master Individual Precision* and 3rd in *Showdown*.

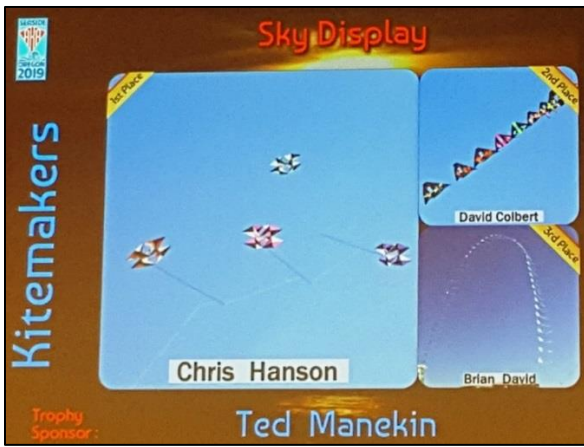


➤ Not to be outdone, **Chris Hanson** won 1st place in *Kitemakers Cellular & Dimensional Kites*, along with **Brian David** taking 2nd. Then, **Chris** placed 3rd in *Bowed Kites* and in *Flat Kites*, 2nd in *Fighter Kites*, and winning *Highest Score in Structural Design*.

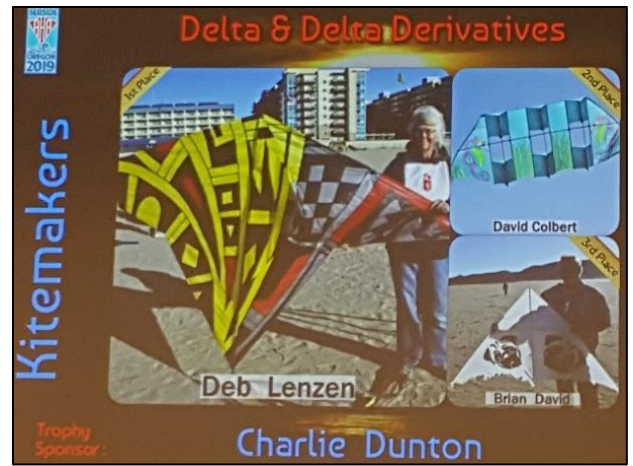


As **Team Evidence**, **Scott** and **Kristian** won the *Masters Pairs Precision*, and placed 2nd and 3rd in *Master Individual Ballet*. **Kristian** took 2nd in *Master Individual Multi-Line Ballet*.





Chris and Brian took 1st and 3rd respectively in Sky Display with Chris winning Most Innovative Kite.



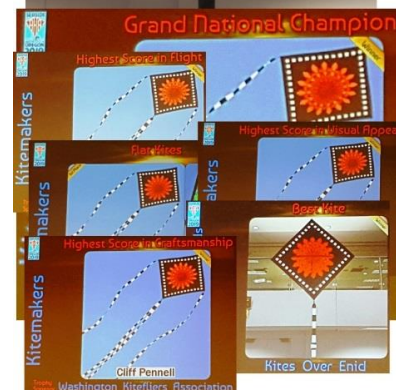
➤ And, for the finale...

CONGRATULATIONS to **Cliff Pennell** as the *Kitemakers Grand National Champion*. His winning kite used the Window Stars technique taught by Ron Ortega. Read about Cliff's kite in the AKA Winter 2019 issue of *Kiting*.

He didn't end there. Cliff swept house with this kite in winning the *Kitemakers Highest Score in Flight*, in *Visual Appeal*, in *Craftsmanship*, and took 1st place in *Flat Kites*. It won Best Kite in the *People's Choice Award*.



➤ **Brian David** didn't stop there. He won *Novice Kitemaker* and in *Sport Kites* (above) and took 3rd in *Delta & Delta Derivatives* (next column).



*CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL WKA WINNERS.
Thank you to all WKA members for supporting
the AKA by attending the convention. It will return
to Seaside in the fall of 2022. The WKA Board
hopes you will put it on your calendar to attend.*

Future AKA Conventions. Staying on this topic, every three years the AKA holds their convention in Seaside, Oregon. They are always in need of volunteers to assist during the week. The PNW has a number of kite clubs. Please consider offering your club or yourself to help. Two areas that need volunteers are the Silent Auction (1-3 people to “tag” item donations throughout the week, setup the room, place items/bid sheets/pencils, monitor throughout the selected days, close the auction, group the winnings, retrieve for the winner); and the Live Auction (5 people at the “head” table to gather winning bid info). Volunteerism makes the success of an event. For more info, contact WKA secretary Bonnie Ecker.

AKA Region 10 Director. The WKA Board would like to salute Pamela Knight for her election as 2020-21 AKA Region 10 Director. You can follow her posts on Facebook under “American Kitefliers Association: Region 10.” She also sends out email updates.

Former Region 10 Director. The WKA Board would also like to thank Casey Shearer for stepping up to the plate as interim director in the latter part of the year. Casey participated in the AKA business plan for 2020. After a long drought of information, he provided Region 10 updates for the AKA *Kiting* magazine and resolved inquiries from the PNW public.

2019 Financial Report

Gross Profit.....	\$5,462.06
Total Expenses	<u>\$5,620.74</u>
Net Loss	\$(158.68)

Income Sources

Event Revenue.....	\$1,297.67
WSIKF Raffle.....	\$1,042.00
Dues from members—You!.....	\$1,022.64
WSIKF Auction.....	\$875.00
WSIKF Lasagna Feed	\$666.00
Products	\$553.00
Savings & Checking Accounts.....	\$5.75

Expenses

Product Supplies & Products.....	\$2,255.50
Events.....	\$1,432.33
Website, Fees, & Insurance	\$1,317.37
Postage & Supplies	\$615.54

