



## Columbia Gorge Windsurfing Association Board of Directors Candidates • 2009

The following candidates are running for the CGWA Board of Directors. Board terms are two years, except for the Youth Representative position which is one year. On the included ballot, you may vote for six (6) candidates, *including* one (1) Youth Representative and any write in candidates. Ballots must be received by December 18<sup>th</sup>. Any ballot received after December 18<sup>th</sup>, or with more than six total votes will not be counted.

### **FIONA WYLDE**

**(Running for position of Youth Representative, a one-year term)**

**Educational background:** I am currently involved in seventh grade at Hood River Middle School. I have been an honor roll student in the Hood River School district since we moved here.

**Business background:** I am 12 years old and have helped my parents with their business at times needed (The Artful Dodger).

**Involvement in the windsurfing community** This past summer I was involved in U.S Windsurfing Nationals, the Gorge Cup race series, the Blowout, and next year I am going to head down to San Francisco for the U.S windsurfing Nationals. I have taken many windsurfing camps with both CGWA and Big Winds multiple times when I was younger. When I am in Baja I have fun sailing and improving pretty much every time the wind is blowing.

**Organization affiliations and community involvement:** I have not served on any boards so this would be an amazing experience. I have been involved in helping add rocks to help reside some of the erosion at the edge of the grassy bank at the event site. I was also a part of the Hood River Middle schools celebration of trying to get the worlds CO<sub>2</sub> parts per million down to 350.

**Are you a CGWA member? If so, why?** I am a CGWA member, the thing that I think I value most is how much the CGWA wants to get everybody on the water, I also take into consideration how much time and effort it takes to put together something like that. I really enjoy how much all of you put your efforts into getting kids on the water.

**CGWA experience:** I have help with the CGWA youth windsurfing night at the hook, helping get gear out and helping people when they got stuck.

**Hobbies:** I have many hobbies such as windsurfing, and helping other people learn how to sail. I also love to play soccer and run, I run in the cross country team at the Hood River Middle School. I am very fascinated with Social Studies & the fall of Rome in that time period.

**Have you served on the CGWA Board of Directors before? What years?** I have not served for CGWA, however my dad has been a board member.

**Why do you want to join the CGWA Board of Directors?** I would like to join the CGWA board because I really want to get more kids and young adults having fun on the water. I think there is so much opportunity in the gorge, especially Hood River that it would be a great place to grow up on the water.

**What areas of board duties most interest you?** I am interested in getting kids on the water. I would also like to help promote getting kids involved with youth racing. I would like to possibly see if we could get a group of kids in the spring, summer, and fall to do a once a night sailing group where we each have one thing we would like to focus on working on for all abilities. This idea could potentially go toward the idea of a team. This would be for kids who are in the river and wanting to get more out of windsurfing. I think there could be two different categories for people who are still in the hook and there would be a different training day for the river people. The river people could even help out with the people in the hook still learning in the hook. I think this would be a way to help the people who are not quite energized

about windsurf really get there by looking up at some better sailors their own age and saying "wow look how far I can go, and this can actually be fun!" This may take a little time to get it started but I think it might work.

## **PETE BILTOFT**

**Company:** Vintage Vibe Guitars

**Educational background:** BS Chemistry, GA Tech (1979) and MS Metallurgy, GA Tech (1981).

**Business background:** Materials Scientist, working for the US Department of Energy 27 years in Boulder CO and at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in the Bay Area of CA.

**Current involvement in the windsurfing community:** Member, CGWA, Hood River resident (year round).

**Organization affiliations and community involvement:** Member of the Board of Directors of the Northern California chapter of the American Vacuum Society (AVS), Publisher of the Member's and Vendor's Directory for the Northern California chapter of the AVS, Member of the Materials Research Society (MRS), Member of the Society of Photo-Optical Instrumentation Engineers (SPIE), Member of the National Association of Music Merchandisers (NAMM).

**Are you a CGWA member? If so, why?** Yes, I am a currently member of CGWA. I value the work CGWA members do to maintain and improve launch sites. I also appreciate and enjoy the CGWA sponsored swap meets and pray for wind parties which generate income the CGWA uses to serve the windsurfing community. I am interested in promoting safety on the water and cooperation with the CGKA. I am also interested in promoting the CGWA as a valued organization within the wider community of non-windsurfers in the Gorge.

**CGWA experience:** Participated in the CGWA-CGKA Town hall meeting held at the Port building, volunteered for CGWA-CGKA BBQ, wrote an article on the topic of right of way & safety for the CGWA newsletter.

**Hobbies:** Mounting biking, kayaking, hiking, guitar, skiing.

**Have you served on the CGWA Board of Directors before? What years?** No

**Why do you want to join the CGWA Board of Directors?** I am interested in helping the CGWA provide expanded services and launch site access to windsurfers in the Gorge.

**What areas of board duties most interest you?** Initially I am interested in helping the CGWA expand the venue at the CGWA sponsored swap meets. Inviting local vendors who offer products and services of interest to the windsurfing community to participate in these events will both strengthen the CGWA presence in the community and add value to those who attend the events. Increased income from events such as this can be used by the CGWA to maintain and improve launch sites and to do outreach in the wider community of the Gorge.

## **CHRIS CREASY**

**Company:** 6<sup>th</sup> Street Bistro and Loft

**Educational background:** Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, minor in History and Sociology from Elon University, Elon, NC.

**Business background:** I have been a bartender since two weeks after graduating from college, now owning a restaurant in Hood River has taught me many things about running a busy business. I think that with the restaurant I have met many different people and helps give me a little bit of knowledge about what windsurfers are thinking in the Gorge.

**Current involvement in the windsurfing community:** Windsurf as much as possible, was sailing just about everyday but since taking over 6<sup>th</sup> Street this last summer didn't get to sail as much as I would have liked, this coming year will be different.

**Organization affiliations and community involvement:** While in college started a few different groups on campus, mainly hiking/outdoor experiences and mountain biking/road biking groups, given that was almost 20 years ago, look forward to learning it all over again.

**Are you a CGWA member? If so, why?** Not presently, my business is getting read to join and I was a member a few years ago.

**CGWA experience:** I have helped on some different work projects over the years but would like to participate more in them this coming year as well.

**Hobbies:** Windsurfing, mountain biking, road biking, trail running and skiing.

**Have you served on the CGWA Board of Directors before?** No

**Why do you want to join the CGWA Board of Directors?** I think that as an organization the CGWA has a lot to offer both the windsurfing community and the business community as well, having more people enjoy the sport not only helps with access issues and the like but brings more people to the area and supports the local business that depends on “wind traffic” to stay alive.

**What areas of board duties most interest you?** Public relations, I believe that getting more people active in what is going on in the Gorge with windsurfing allows more access to sailing areas and more awareness to take care of the sailing sites that we already have. There is a strong connection to the support of wind sports in the Gorge for businesses in the area for both retail and non retail.

## **BILL LAKE**

**Educational background:** Cornell University BA; Denver University JD

**Business background:** Attorney retired.

**Current involvement in the windsurfing community:** Avid windsurfer, current CGWA Board member and Treasurer

**Organization affiliations and community involvement:** Hood River Rotary member

**Are you a CGWA member? If so, why?** Yes; CGWA is the only voice for windsurfers in the Gorge. The CGWA also is an important advocate for new and existing sites in the Gorge. Finally the CGWA promotes the sport to the next generation of windsurfers.

**CGWA experience:** Current Bd. Member, Treasurer, several work parties (most recently at the Hook), Pray for Wind and Swap meets.

**Hobbies:** Windsurfing, skiing and Tennis

**Have you served on the CGWA Board of Directors before? What years?** Yes. 2008-present.

**Why do you want to join the CGWA Board of Directors?** I have been Treasurer for less than a year and if elected, I wish to continue.

**What areas of board duties most interest you?** Financing and site development.

## **ROXANNE MCCLURE**

**Educational background:** BA Communications, USCB 1980

**Business background:** Ski Instructor for 18 years, School Teacher for 9 years

**Current involvement in the windsurfing community:** CGWA Board Member

**Organization affiliations and community involvement:** CGWA (2008-Present), Hood River County Christmas Basket Project (2005-Present), Dynamos Soccer Board Member (1999-2000), CampFire Leader (1993-1998), Cub Scoutmaster (1995-97), Women’s Worship Leader (1993-Present), Community Service Coordinator Horizon Christian School (2007-2009), FISH Food Bank Volunteer (2005-Present)

**Are you a CGWA member? If so, why?** Yes; CGWA is about Access and Access. 1) Access to the water for sailors 2) Access to the sport for everyday people. I support these endeavors.

**CGWA experience:** As a Board Member, I have been active as a volunteer for the Pray For Wind Party and Wind Fest Weekend and my Husband has been a mainstay at the CGWA Swap Meets. Together we make a good team!

**Hobbies:** Windsurfing, Skiing, Golfing, Music

**Have you served on the CGWA Board of Directors before?** Yes, 2008-Present

**Why do you want to join the CGWA Board of Directors?** I like giving back to and enhancing the community I live in. I enjoy getting to know and working with people. I am a good liaison between sailors of all ages and the CGWA Board. I have a lot of energy!

**What areas of board duties most interest you?** I enjoy working in Public Relations and program development. I would like to be more involved with the Youth program and making windsurfing accessible to groups and individuals who would benefit from the outdoor, active lifestyle (that's everyone, right?).

## **PATRICK QUIGLEY**

**Company:** Express Color

**Educational background:** Bachelor of Elected Studies, Journalism & Mass Communication, University of Minnesota; post graduate studies in Advertising

**Business background:** Owner, Vice President of Master Graphics and Printing, Minneapolis, MN; Sales Representative, Express Color, Portland, OR

**Current involvement in the windsurfing community:** Board member, CGWA; past secretary; tradition: 4 work parties per year for last 15 years (The Hatchery and Doug's Beach; lend support with annual Pray for Wind party and Windfest; equipment mover and seller for 3 annual swap meets

**Organization affiliations and community involvement:** See above; host for Gorge Designer's Forum

**Are you a CGWA member? If so, why?** Yes: volunteer to improve access now in place and working to develop new launch sites.

**CGWA experience:** See above; also volunteer for windsurfing events like Freestyle Frenzy

**Hobbies:** Competitive ski racing; guitar; tennis

**Have you served on the CGWA Board of Directors before? What years?** Started volunteering in 1994 and have served on board since 1996.

**Why do you want to join the CGWA Board of Directors?** To continue to give back to the river by hosting my 4 work parties; for now work with the Port of Cascade Locks developing a new launch site; Develop a safe launch at both the "mid launch" portion of The Hatchery and east/west water entry points at Rowena.

**What areas of board duties most interest you?** Management of access development with the assistance of professional/technical expertise.

## **MICHAEL SCHOCK**

**Company:** Morgan Stanley Smith Barney

**Educational background:** Graduated Oregon State with a degree in Economics

**Business background:** AVP Morgan Stanley since 1987

**Current involvement in the windsurfing community:** Past CGWA board member

**Organization affiliations and community involvement:** Rotary Club of Hood River, past board member and President. Past President, Hood River Chamber Ambassadors. Current President, Hood River County Library Foundation Board. Past Area Governor for Toastmasters District 7.

**Are you a CGWA member? If so, why?** My CGWA membership goes way back, I've always appreciated the hard work and integrity of the members.

**CGWA experience:** Past CGWA board member.

**Hobbies:** Windsurfing, snow skiing, mountain/road biking & golf are my major hobbies

**Have you served on the CGWA before? What years?** Yes

**Why do you want to join the CGWA Board of Directors?** I have the knowledge, experience and desire to make a difference. Having sailed Hood River since 1983, it's the least I can do for this wonderful sport.

**What areas of board duties most interest you?** Planning, public relations and fund raising (fun raising?).