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## WKA HOLIDAY NOTICE

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Washington Kitefliers Association

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ONE AND ALL! WISHING YOU GOOD WINDS ALWAYS.

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### WKA UPDATE

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First, let me explain why you have received this notice. Due to unforeseen circumstances, we are unable to produce a December newsletter. Instead, we decided to send time sensitive information about the upcoming elections and the Kitemakers Conference in this notice. Articles that were submitted for the December newsletter will be held for the February issue which will be expanded accordingly.

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### NOTES ABOUT NOMINEES

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BY Kelci Williams

This information is being provided for two reasons. First, in order to acquaint you with the people who are running for election. And, second, to help encourage you to VOTE! Let's see if we can do better than last year's measly 5% response.

Voting will take place at the General Membership Meeting on Saturday, January 5, 1991 at 10:00 am at the South Union Lake Burger King in Seattle. If you need more information, please call Kelci Williams at 788-6355 or Darryl Stephison at 657-5797. Your votes and support would really be appreciated.

The following is a little background information about the nominees.

#### PRESIDENT - Steve Millspaugh / PRODUCTS - Judy Millspaugh

Steve and Judy have been flying kites for about 5 years and have been members of WKA for 3 years. They got interested in kites when, while shopping for their nieces and nephews, they picked up a little diamond stunter and....well you know how it goes. Currently, they are attempting to fly as a team. Steve sat on the 1989 WKA Board of Directors and both Steve and Judy have been active volunteers in WKA and WSIKF events. The Millspaughs reside in Redmond and both work in the computer industry.

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VICE PRESIDENT - Morrie Williams / TREASURER - Kelci Williams

WKA members since December of 1988, Morrie and Kelci started flying kites about 4 years ago. Their collection began with a single delta and has grown considerably since then. They enjoy both single and multiple line kites and are attempting to make some of their own creations. Kelci, with Morrie's help and support, was Secretary of the WKA for the second half of 1989 and Treasurer of the club in 1990. Both have helped out at various WKA, WSIKF and AKA events. Morrie is a partner in a computer software firm and Kelci is (currently) a domestic goddess.

SECRETARY - Bob Alford

Bob is new to the area and to the club, having moved here in March and joined the WKA in May of 1990. He is a fast mover though. Unlike most of us, he didn't start small and low-priced and graduate up to the expensive kites. The first kite he bought was a \$265.00 stunter. His wife, Maura and daughter, Jamie have helped add to the collection of both single and multiple line kites. The Alford's have attended and helped out at several events since they moved here to the land of Twin Peaks - North Bend. Bob is a computer programmer working in Kirkland.

MEMBERSHIP CHAIR - John Nilan

Whether you know him as "Big" John or "Kiteman", he's made his presence known in the kite community. John has been interested in kites for 3 years and an active member in the club for 2 years. His most recent foray has been into stunt chute re-manufacturing (i.e. he takes parachutes and turns them into stunt kites). John is interested in all kinds of kites - from 200 sq. ft. foils to miniature kites; from chinese kites to fighters; and, from single to dual to quad line kites. He has attended and assisted in many of the WKA and WSIKF kite events. John is a mechanical engineer at Boeing.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR - Andris Wollam

A member of WKA since April of 1989, Andris was introduced to the joys of kite flying by a friend and has been hooked ever since. Unfortunately, her time has been somewhat restricted and she hasn't been able to get out and enjoy the sport as much as she would like - hopefully this will change. Andris kindly consented to take on the rigorous task of Newsletter editor in January of 1990 and has done a valiant job considering all of the circumstances she has been working under. She is primarily interested in single line kites and would like to learn how to make her own kites. Andris is currently working as an office manager in Seattle.

EDUCATION / TELEPHONE COMMITTEE CHAIR - Tom Sisson

Everyone will agree that Tom's reputation precedes him. Tom was a founding member of the WKA, President for many years, and has been a board member forever. He is the most active, willing, cooperative, and enthusiastic member we are graced to have in the club. Tom was the deserved winner of the 1989 Steve Edeiken award due, not only to his work in the WKA, but to the contributions he has made to kiting world-wide and particularly

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in the area of educating kids. Tom has passed on the knowledge he gleaned at his father's knee to thousands of children who have been amazed that something that they built could actually fly. Tom is retired and both he and his wife, Jean do volunteer work in the community, in addition to their unending labor for the WKA.

SPECIAL EVENTS CHAIR - Barbara Anne O'Neill

Barbara got involved with kite flying when she was trying to think of an activity that was health and fitness related. She spotted a windsock atop a Metro bus which made her think of kites and pursued the idea from there. Since becoming involved in the WKA 3 years ago, she has been an outspoken supporter and active volunteer in club and related activities. Barbara has headed-up the One Sky, One World Kite Flys in 1989 and 1990, arranged the flys sponsored by the Seattle Times for the last three years and coordinated the Wings Over Washington kite fly in 1989. She has been an active and zealous volunteer in many club events.

MERCHANT LIAISON - Ken Conrad and Dave Weigand

Ken and Dave want to act as a team in this capacity. Many of you know Ken as the owner of the Great Winds Kite Shop and a connoisseur of chinese kites. Unfortunately, we had no other background information to include at this time.

COME OUT AND VOTE ON JANUARY 5TH - YOUR SUPPORT IS NEEDED AND APPRECIATED. SEE YOU THERE.

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FORT WORDEN KITEMAKERS CONFERENCE 1991 - STATUS

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BY Darryl Stephison and Kelci Williams

There is some good news and there is some bad news. First the bad news. Mike Button has resigned as President of the Kitemakers Conference Association citing reasons of "unnecessary strain and lack of communication between the board and myself". On behalf of the board, I apologize for any strain that we may have caused. We are very disappointed to lose Mike but we respect his decision. We thank Mike for the work he has done to date.

The good news is that the conference will go on as scheduled on March 1 - 3, 1991. Llyle Morgan will take over the operation of the conference after the holidays. There will be something there for beginners, intermediate and advanced alike.

A registration application is enclosed for your convenience. Better sign up now because space goes fast. Remember, Fort Worden is an old military base so the accommodations and food are not lavish - a step above camping in the woods though.

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## WHAT TO LOOK FORWARD TO AT FORT WORDEN

Here are some highlights of what you can expect at this year's conference.

Charlie Sotich will be one of the keynote speakers talking about building miniature kites. Charlie is well known in the kite community for his wit as well as his kites. He will also be teaching a class on building these tiny delights.

Another keynoter, whom some of you may remember from the AKA convention in Seaside, will be Rick Kinnard. He will give his lecture on Rokkaku kite fighting. Rick will also hold a practice battle workshop so get those kites ready.

Doug Hagaman will be showing participants how to build one of his world renown Hagaman Parafoils. This should be a real treat for all of us who have dreamed of making our own but were too chicken to try.

Design stunt kites by computer with David Lord. He has developed a program to aid in the design of both two and four line stunt kites.

Bud Koger will teach a class in constructing a Ty Fyter kite. This is a very versatile fighter kite and requires no sewing. Look in the winter '90 issue of American Kite magazine for more information about Bud and his kites.

Get those cameras ready. Dave Bogie, the kite man with an artists eye, will be offering his kite photography class once again. If you want to learn how to improve those shots, Dave is the one who can help you.

Jim Davis will be conducting a class for beginners on building an Optic Rocket box kite. Sounds real interesting.

A class about teaching kids how to make kites will be taught by two well known and respected kite fliers - Tom Sisson and Margaret Greger. They've got decades of experience and they guarantee that you can learn how to teach kids to make simple kites that will fly.

We are also hoping that Maurizio Angeletti from Italy will be in the U.S. and be able to teach a class at the conference.

Look for more information about the conference in the February newsletter. But, you'd better sign up now to make sure that you don't miss out.