

Harold R. Matthews Award

Established in July of 1966, the award was previously named Bird of the Year.

The Bird of the Year is selected on the basis of his personal effort and contribution to the improvement of Camp Willson. In view of his long personal commitment to the betterment of the camp it appeared most fitting to link the Harold R. Matthews award with the Bird of the Year recognition.

The Bird of the Year trophy goes to the winner of the Harold R. Matthews Memorial Award, presented annually to the Men's Camper judged to have made an exceptional personal contribution (other than money) to camp improvements.

The winner will be added to a plaque at the camp and a smaller plaque will be given to the recipient.

The recipient is chosen by the Men's Camp Council.

PIZZLETREE AWARD

The 1946 definition of the Pizzletree Award:

Given each year to the man who has, in the minds of the camp council, contributed the most toward making the camp a success. Final judgment is based on sportsmanship, friendliness, cooperation and things of that nature rather than ability.

In 1959, it was the highest honor a men's camper could earn.

In 1969, it was given to the outstanding men's camper for his adherence to traditions and fellowship that are the heart and soul of the Columbus YMCA's Men's Camp.

The recipient's name is added to the Pizzletree trophy and the recipient is given a small plaque. The Men's Camp Council chooses the recipient and it is presented during Men's Camp.

Berliner Award

Presented to the individual at Men's Camp
who shows so many of the traits
brought to this camp by Louis Berliner
such as a caring for his fellow camper
a great sense of humor
a sincere interest in Camp Willson
and most of all
the ability to laugh and have fun
with this award goes the everlasting memory of Lou.
He will always be a part of us here at camp
and he will never be forgotten.

Presented to Men's camp by his many friends
August 26, 1984

Harold R. Matthews Bird of the Year Award Recipients

2010	Jerry Hof	1972	Lou Berliner
2009	Daniel "Bud" Smith	1971	Ted R. Magnuson
2008	Chris "Fos" Fosnaugh	1970	Lee Duff
2007	Tom Lee	1969	G. Albert Weese
2006	John Slauter	1968	Alex Gaal
2005	Sy Glick	1967	Bob "Wimpy" Hildreth
2004	Alan Berliner	1966	F.E. Avery Associates
2003	Tracy Rhea	1965	Edward N. Woods
2002	Ron Davis	1964	Robert H. Slemmer
2001	Paul Perry		
2000	Mark Benmayor		
1999	Hank Meyer		
1998	Burt Gross		
1997	Paul J. Hurtubise		
1996	Rick Conkle		
1995	Ralph Howes		
1994	Dave Kindinger		
1993	Dave Burks		
1992	Harry Goldstein		
1991	Dick Golden		
1990	John Ballengee		
1989	C. Homer Smith		
1988	Gene Hameroff		
1987	Lew Larson		
1986	Stan Hildreth		
1985	Brad Kunze		
1984	Tracy Rhea		
1983	Bob Scully		
1982	Dick Smith		
1981	Paul Perry		
1980	Not Presented		
1979	Frank Watts		
1978	Ron Hamilton		
1977	Roy Kohlhausen		
1976	Ron Davis		
1975	John W. Ketchum		
1974	Herbert S. Jones		
1973	Zack Beers		

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2010	Todd Young	1971	Ron Hamilton
2009	Barry Goldenberg & Barry Berman	1970	John Ballengee & Roy Kohlhausen
2008	Maurice "Moe" Trabout	1969	Bill Weltzheimer & Harry Goldstein
2007	Harvey Zwerin, Jack Benmayor	1968	Henry Black
2006	John Ramey	1967	Emil Tresemer
2005	Chris "Fos" Fosnaugh	1966	Jack Sherick
2004	Larry Hurtubise	1965	Wayne Geissinger
2003	Daniel "Bud" Smith	1964	Bob "Wimpy" Hildreth
2002	Rupert "Twink" Starr	1963	Ed Becker
2001	Tom Lee	1962	Herb Jones
2000	Richard G. (Dick) Weil	1961	Bob Leach
1999	Ralph Howes	1960	Charles Lavery
1998	Frank Watts & Israel "Buster" Berliner	1959	Bob Stevenson
1997	Tim Johnston	1958	Al Weese
1995/96	David Madison	1957	Frank Watts
1995	Paul Hurtubise	1956	Sanford Lipson
1994	Ed Woods	1955	Ernie Blythe
1993	Morris "Pic" Fleishman	1954	Lou Berliner
1992	Bruno Ottavi, Jack Gaiser	1953	O.C. Duduit
1991	C. Howard Johnson	1952	John L. Vorys
1990	?	1951	Pete DeWeese
1989	?	1950	Logan McCormick
1988	Nat Smoler	1949	*
1987	Herb Recob	1948	*
1986	Irv Chasin	1947	Jack Davis
1985	John Ketchum	1946	Ben Duval
1984	Lew Larson	1945	*
1983	Dave Kindinger	1944	Earl H. Potts
1982	Zack Beers	1943	J.N. Cannon, Jr
1981	Dave Steinman	1942	*
1980	Ron Hamilton	1941	*
1979	Sy Glick	1940	Lytle Zuber
1978	Ralph Ramey	1939	T. E. Whalen
1977	Bob Scully	1938	*
1976	C. Homer Smith	1937	Herbert S. Jones
1975	Tracy Rhea & Paul Perry	1936	B.Y. Goldsmith
1974	Dick Smith	1935	Gerard Lord
1973	Ted Magnuson	1934	W. E. Warner
1972	Alex Gaal	1933	Bill Griesser

* *Apparently not given*

Louis Berliner Award Recipients

2010: Fred Wacksman
2009: Dr Seymour Glick
2008: Jerry Hof
2007: Mark Benmayor
2006: Paul Perry
2005: Dave Burks
2004: Ron Davis
2003: Tom Lee
2002: Doug Meyer
2001: Henry "Hank" Meyer
2000: Paul J. Hurtubise
1999: Larry Hurtubise
1998: Daniel "Bud" Smith
1997: G. Albert "Al" Weese
1996: Tracy Rhea
1995: Ted Magnuson
1994: Alex Gaal
1993: C. Homer Smith
1992: Sy Glick
1991: Frank Watts
1990: Ron Hamilton
1989: Harry Goldstein
1988: Sig Wasserman
1987: Dick Smith
1986: David Madison
1985: Rev. Bob Scully
1984: John Ballengee

*The recipient of this award is chosen by the previous recipient