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Welcome to the latest issue of *Fly Times*! As usual, I thank everyone for sending in such interesting articles. I hope you all enjoy reading it as much as I enjoyed putting it together. Please let me encourage all of you to consider contributing articles that may be of interest to the Diptera community for the next issue, or for larger manuscripts, the Supplement series. *Fly Times* offers a great forum to report on your research activities and to make requests for taxa being studied, as well as to report interesting observations about flies, to discuss new and improved methods, to advertise opportunities for dipterists, to report on or announce meetings relevant to the community, etc., with all the associated digital images you wish to provide. This is also a great place to report on your interesting (and hopefully fruitful) collecting activities! Really anything fly-related is considered. And of course, thanks very much to Chris Borkent for again assembling the list of Diptera citations since the last *Fly Times*!

The electronic version of the *Fly Times* continues to be hosted on the North American Dipterists Society website at <http://www.nadsdiptera.org/News/FlyTimes/Flyhome.htm>. For this issue, I want to again thank all the contributors for sending me such great articles! Feel free to share your opinions or provide ideas on how to improve the newsletter. Also note, the [Directory of North American Dipterists](#) is constantly being updated. Please check your current entry and send all corrections (or new entries) to [Jim O'Hara](#) – see the form for this on the last page.

Issue No. 62 of the *Fly Times* will appear next April. Please send your contributions by email to the editor at stephen.gaimari@cdfa.ca.gov. All contributors for the next *Fly Times* should aim for 10 April 2019 (maybe then I'll get an issue out actually on time!) – but don't worry – I'll send a reminder. And articles after 10 April are OK too!

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Lloyd Vernon Knutson
4 July 1934 – 10 January 2018

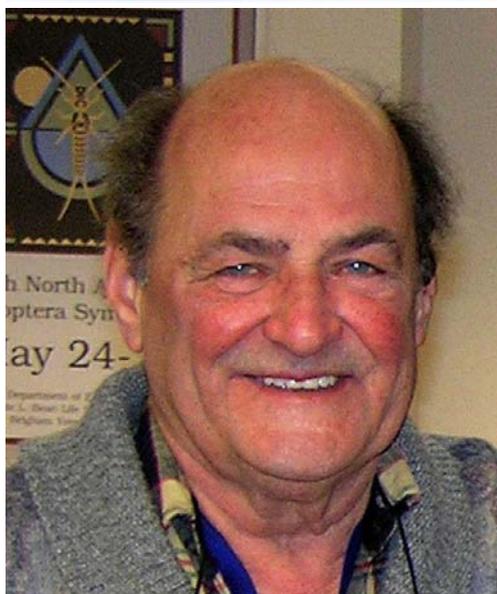
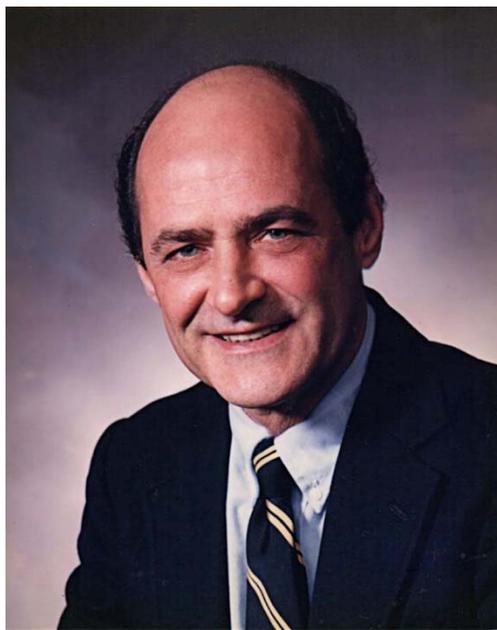
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Lloyd Vernon Knutson passed away on 10 January at age 83 in Latina, Italy, about 25 miles from his home in Gaeta. The cause of death was heart failure following a stroke he had suffered at home three weeks earlier.

Born in Ottawa, Illinois, Lloyd earned a B.A. in biology at Macalester College, St. Paul, Minnesota, and an M.S. in biology and a Ph.D. in limnology at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York. His Ph.D. dissertation was on the biology of European snail-killing flies (Diptera: Sciomyzidae), the group that would dominate his research for the next 55 years. He was employed for most of his career by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Agricultural Research Service (ARS). During his first five years, he worked as a research entomologist at the U.S. Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution, eventually becoming Chief of the Systematic Entomology Laboratory. He subsequently served for almost 15 years as Chairman of the Insect Identification and Beneficial Insect Introduction Institute at the Beltsville (Maryland) Agricultural Research Center.

In 1988, Lloyd was appointed Director of the USDA/ARS Biological Control of Weeds Laboratory in Rome, Italy. Three years later, he was appointed Director of the USDA/ARS European Biological Control Laboratory in Montpellier, France, a position he held until he retired from federal service in 1997. Within a few years, he and his wife, Mara, had moved to their final home, in coastal Gaeta, Italy, about 65 miles north of Naples. There Lloyd continued to devote an enormous amount of time and energy to continuing his research, primarily on snail-killing flies but also on other organisms and on biological measurements of environmental quality. During his lifetime he authored, co-authored, edited, or co-edited at least 232 publications, with another seven manuscripts currently being completed by various coauthors. He mentored many young entomologists in the United States and in countries around the world, generously sharing his time and resources. His massive knowledge of and contributions to the knowledge of snail-killing flies likely will never be equaled.



Lloyd, 1985 (top), 2012 (bottom)

Many of you will remember Lloyd because of his service to the entomological community. He was president of the Association of Registered Professional Entomologists (1985–1986), of the Eastern Branch of the Entomological Society of America (1978–1979), and of the Entomological Society of America (1988–1989). He was vice-president of the International Organization of Biological Control (1999–2000), secretary of the Association of Systematics Collections (1982–1983), and treasurer of the Society of Systematic Zoology (1971–1974). His extensive knowledge of a broad range of disciplines was a valuable asset in his service as editor for the Biological Society of Washington (1974–1978) and for the Entomological Society of America (1972–1976). In recognition of his vast contributions to entomology, in 1995 Lloyd was elected an honorary member of the Entomological Society of America and in 1996 of the Russian Entomological Society after a visit to St. Petersburg (then Leningrad).

Gifts in memory of Lloyd may be directed to the Cornell University Entomology Excellence Fund (075113) online at giving.cornell.edu/give, by calling (800) 279-3099, or by mail to Cornell University, P.O. Box 25842, Lehigh Valley, Pennsylvania 18003-9692. Please mention the Entomology Excellence Fund (075113) in all correspondence.

A detailed obituary will be published in *Proceedings of the Entomological Society of Washington*
