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## **Our Condolence**

We are very sad to report that Robert (Bo) Gemeinhardt passed away in his sleep the morning of July 15th. Bo was a great, hardworking hatchery volunteer and a past CAF Vice President, as well as a good friend, he will be missed, but I know he's happy to see his wife, Wylene, who passed away last year.

**There will be a Memorial BBQ Potluck at  
Rogue River Park, 95194 N. Bank Rogue Rd  
on July 30th starting at 2pm, BYOB. Call  
Chris 541 425-0396, if any questions**

## **President's Corner**

By David Sophusson



Photo by Becky Sophusson;

Sorry for missing my last two installments on the Presidents Corner, but even I get a vacation once in a while! Now it's time to get back to work. By the time you read this the Cape Blanco Bi-Mart music festival will have come and gone forever. I'd like to thank Phil and Pam Dickson for their part in getting the hatchery involved with such a great and profitable fundraiser. I'd also like to thank all of our volunteers for stepping up and sacrificing three days a year to work the festival and making our part such a success. Unfortunately, the festival promoters have decided to move the event to the Valley next year. We knew it wouldn't last forever, but we hoped we could have gone a few more years. Our next fundraiser is the fishing derby in September. Aaron and Mary Duncan have taken over for Harry Carlson and are heading up the derby this year and from what I've been told things are going very well. It won't be long now and we will be releasing our latest batch of fish on their next great adventure in the ocean, I hope they don't forget where home is!

## CAF General Meeting-July 14, 2016

**President-** David Sophusson called the meeting to order at 10:06am. The minutes from the June general meeting were approved as printed in the July edition of *The Riffle*.

**Treasurer's report-** Barbara Huff reported a monthly loss of \$106 for the month of June. There will be expenses in July and August related to the derby and the country music festival.

**Hatchery-** Gary Underhill asked David to report: the approximately 14,000 fish from raceway #2 were released, since ODFW was not concerned about increasing the Bacterial Kidney Disease (BKD) in the ocean population; someone (to be announced) donated a new BBQ to CAF; after all fish have been released, the #3 liner will be replaced, Knox's will fix their cattle guard and some asphalt work may be done in the front of the raceways.

**Music Festival-** Mary Tindill has the volunteer work positions filled for the Hospitality area and Becky Sophusson has the volunteer positions filled for the pancake feed as well as the supplies ready to go. An email will be sent with the last minute details and assignments.

**Volunteer Coordinator-**Chris Underhill will be reducing her involvement after this rearing season and CAF will need to define (if possible!) all the work Chris has been doing for the past 11 years to make sure our tremendously successful hatchery operations continue to function efficiently, thoroughly and with minimum overload on our great team of volunteers. How many people do we need to replace Chris?

**The Riffle-**Richard McKinney continues to publish our newsletter on time and updated with the latest information. Richard welcomes all suggestions for improvement.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40am  
Submitted by Glenn Kral, CAF Secretary

### **Up Coming Events**

We should be releasing fish around mid-August, last checked all the raceways were around 25 fish to the pound, we like to release them when they are around 15 fish to the pound.



*And in one fell swoop, Becky invents the paddle pole.*

### **Check out our updated website**

"News and Events" - Keep up to date on the latest happenings at the hatchery. Go to [www.rogueriversalmon.org](http://www.rogueriversalmon.org)

### **Notice to local members:**

Don't forget to save your McKay receipts. It is an easy way to add money to feed our babies. You can turn the receipts in at the **hatchery, Jots, or The Indian Creek Café**. Each location has a donation jar.

### **Fishing Quote of the Month**

"All the romance of trout fishing exists in the mind of the angler and is in no way shared by the fish." --Harold F. Blaisdell. *The Philosophical Fisherman*, 1969

### **Hatchery Happenings**

Submitted by: Chris Underhill,  
Volunteer Coordinator 247-0396

Hi CAF volunteers this summer is flying by, we released raceway #2 on July 5<sup>th</sup>, now we are down to two raceways with approximately 30,000 fry in each raceway. The fry are eating like pigs; attention daily feeders please **DO NOT REMOVE THE BASKETS ON THE VACUUM PUMPS** except to clean them. Larry Cody had to repair the pump on raceway #1. Someone vacuumed without the basket in sucking up pine cones and needles into the pump. Please **DO NOT REMOVE THE BASKETS WHILE VACUUMING**.

Thanks to Richard McKinney and Rod Black, and the Oregon South Coast Fishermen who showed up at the last minute to help John Weber fisheries biologist for the south region of the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife providing instruction on the Rogue River history, fish types including, knot tying, casting instruction plus 50 rods and reels were given to the tribal kids at the camp grounds north of Lobster Creek Bridge. The kids had a blast fishing on the Rogue River.

We should be releasing fish around mid-August, last checked all the raceways were around 25 fish to the pound, we like to release them when they are around 15 to the pound, so they are getting close.

I'd like to invite everyone to participate in the C.A.F. Rogue River Salmon Derby starting Sept 6th thru 11th. A \$25.00 entry fee, which includes all days, which a Blind Bogey winner, which means they will draw a weight and announce it at the Banquet, so no one knows the winner till the weight is announced at the banquet. Anyone can win with 1st place \$1,000. Cash & Prizes, 2nd place \$500 and 3rd \$250. We will have raffle boards at Rogue Outdoor Store, and Mary & Aaron Duncan are heading the derby this year, so if anyone would like to donate prizes or their time please give me a call at 541 425-0396 and I'll get you setup to help. We will be having the Winner's Ceremony & Banquet at the Event Center on Sunday Sept. 11th with doors opening at 5pm. We'll have live entertainment with food & drinks available and Raffle Boards, Silent Auctions and games. Jim Carey will be our host and I'm working on a picture presentation of all the hatchery functions. I'll have more info in the Sept. Riffle, but mark this down on your calendar and come enjoy a fun evening.

Well it looks like the fishing is finally picking up on the bay and I look forward to our returning salmon to start holding up at the mouth of Indian Creek. I hear the Surf Perch fishing has been pretty good on the spit this year too.

We've been having quite a few people touring the hatchery, so feeders don't forget to call the Indian Creek RV Park to check for tours. You all

have a good day and hope to see you at either the fish releases or the Salmon Derby.

Thank you,  
Christine Underhill, CAF Volunteer Coordinator  
541 425-0396

## **Profile of the Month**

Cher Keezer

Interview by Hassie Taylor

Bubbling with enthusiasm and energy, Cher greets me with her warm smile. I'm anxious to get to know her better. She tells me that she's has been working for the Knox family since 1996 when she followed her passion for horses and was hired as a trail ride guide for four seasons. When Chuck Knox and Gerry retired in 1999, Cher Keezer and Karen Knox began working the Indian Creek RV Park. Cher received her training from our old time friend of CAF, Polly Lander. Cher worked her way up through the years to the position she holds today, assistant manager. She does everything from dumping trash, bagging ice, cleaning and dusting, making reservations, helping visitors park their rigs, informing visitors about local attractions, coordinating activities at the RV park, conducting nature walks and identifying the foliage along the way, and the list goes on. These are just a few of her responsibilities. Simply put, Cher describes herself as Karen's "everything gal." There is something to be said for the warm reception she extends to all visitors. Cher enjoys meeting new visitors as well as welcoming those returning season after season. She says, "It's like seeing old friends again."

Cher has been a volunteer for the hatchery since 2000. Her activities at the hatchery include fin-clipping, helping with the spawning, and feeding fish. She enjoys getting together with this great group of people (CAF) and is eager to spread the word about the fish hatchery giving visitors information and brochures about our free hatchery tours.

Cher was born and raised in northern Oregon. She always loved to visit family and spend time on the Oregon coast. For some eighteen years she lived in San Diego holding a variety of jobs, everything from waitressing to working federal security where she enjoyed seeing "Top Gun"



filmed. She worked security for Kaiser Hospital in San Diego. You might consider her the Jill of all trades and the master of all! She's a very talented lady.

In 1996 Cher moved from San Diego to Pistol River; she was happy to return to the beloved Oregon coast. She immediately landed a job with Karen and has been working for the Knox's ever since. During the winter Cher and Ken run off to Valley Del Oro and work as camp workers in Mesa, Arizona. Both really enjoy the RV lifestyle.

In conclusion, as Karen stated to me, "Cher is a definite asset to the (Indian Creek RV) park and to the hatchery. I agree.



Photo of Cher Keezer: by Hassie Taylor

## Sponsor Corner

**Jot's Resort** provides waterfront lodging, pool facilities, and a fitness room for their guests. They also have a tackle and gift shop and offer guided fishing trips and will gladly help book tour boat trips up the Rogue. **Jot's** is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The resort also sells daily fishing licenses and provides fishing advice for free. In addition, **Jot's Resort** also offers meeting rooms. CAF has their monthly general meeting there as well. Thank you, Jot's!

**Jot's Rod & Reel** restaurant is located adjacent to **Jot's Resort**. Owners Dean McKinney and Sam Waller feel that CAF and the Indian Creek Hatchery are extremely important to the community and the future of Gold Beach in the fishing opportunities that it helps supplement as well as keeping the standing tradition of working the longest continually running fish hatchery in

Oregon. As we all know, we need all the help we can get.

Jot's Resort is found at the north end of Gold Beach (94360 Wedderburn Loop) and can be reached at 541-247-6676.



Photo of Jot's Resort by Richard McKinney

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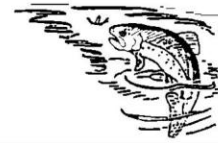
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