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November 10, 2016 – 10:00 AM
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2017 BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINEES

The following CAF members have been nominated for election to the Board of Directors at the annual meeting in December:

Barbara Huff

Glenn Kral

Jack Sheehan

David Sophusson

Gene Trinkler

Gary Underhill

All of the above candidates are present board

members. Nominations from the floor will be welcomed and greatly appreciated. Three more nominees are needed.

CAF VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION & ELECTION OF OFFICERS DINNER

Where: Spinners'; When: Dec. 10, 2016;
Happy Hour: 5:00 p.m. (No Host); Dinner: 6:00
p.m.; Menu: choice of prime rib or chicken; Cost:
\$22.00 per person; Reserve: **Call By Dec. 1st** -
David at 541-247-9739 or Chris at 541-425-
0396

President's Corner

By David Sophusson

WOW! That was quite the storm we had on the weekend of Oct. 15. Here at my house we got a total of 9.5 inches of rain and wind that literally shook the house. So, with all that rain the Rogue River (and all the creeks feeding it) is flooding and this season's spawning fish are heading back to where they were born, including those coming back to Indian Creek Hatchery. You know, I'm not sure that all of you know this, but not all the fish coming back up the creek are coming to the hatchery. A lot of them spawn naturally further up the creek. Those that do come to the hatchery are used for spawning. If we get more fish than we need for spawning and the fish are still in good condition, CAF requests a special permit issued by ODFW and the fish are sent to Fishermen Direct for processing and packaging then given to the local food bank at no cost. So not only do we supplement the local sport fishing and commercial fall Chinook run, but we also help the needy. Gary Underhill and his crew are getting raceway #3 relined and ready for the new batch of fry. And our asphalt project to extend the roadway past the raceways to divert surface water runoff has all been approved and we are on the contractors to do list. So here we go again.

Check out our updated website

"News and Events" - Keep up to date on the latest happenings at the hatchery. Go to www.rogueriversalmon.org

CAF General Meeting-Oct. 13, 2016

President- David Sophusson called the meeting to order at 10:05am. The minutes from the Sept. general meeting were approved as printed in the October edition of *The Riffle*. David stated that the Tidewater contract for improving the drainage in front of the raceways was signed by Scott Knox and the work will depend on Tidewater's schedule.

Treasurer's report- Barbara Huff was absent, so Becky Sophusson reported income for Sept. of \$7,447.57 and expenses of \$1,796.68 resulting in a monthly net income of \$5,650.89. The profit for the month is mainly due to the salmon derby, which has a few outstanding expenses. Thanks to Mary Duncan for being in charge of the derby.

Hatchery- Gary Underhill reported: there are 19 salmon in the brood tank thanks to the Huntley Park seining by ODFW; hydrogen peroxide treatment has begun; blocker dam is in place; fish ladder is ready; raceway 3 is being worked on.

The Riffle-Richard McKinney (richardmckinney94258@yahoo.com)

encourages and requests all suggestions for improvement.

Pizza Fundraiser-Barbara Jorge has everything arranged with **Sunset Family Pizza** for the evening of Nov. 2nd. \$10 tickets are available through the Rogue Outdoor Store, Barbara and CAF members. Barbara will place flyers around town.

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR(s)

We desperately need to figure out how to structure this important position for the future. Chris Underhill will finish this year and will train/consult/advise a person or persons or committee on what needs to be done. Chris has been our fantastic leader in this position for 11 years and needs a break.

Board Members-Just like every Oct. for the past 28 years, anyone interested in being a 2017 contributing and influential board member should talk to a present board member. The

board meets the first Thursday of the month (only 11 months) for only 2 hrs.

Scholarships-Jack Sheehan has enlisted Hassie Taylor and Glenn Kral to revise the application form for the 2017 awards. A \$500 scholarship will be offered at each of the three Curry County high schools.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45am
Submitted by Glenn Kral, CAF Secretary

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

"It has always been my private conviction that any man who pits his intelligence against a fish and losses has it coming" John Steinbeck

CAF Volunteer Coordinator

Christine Underhill

Hello Everyone

I must apologize to everyone I've been kind of out of the hatchery loop since the derby; I had some family matters and senior neighbor issues that needed my attention. The whole month of October felt like a full moon month, can't wait for this month to be over. Also, I was informed by my son, that he wants to move to Idaho next month, time to let my baby spread his wings. Okay, I'm starting the babbling early, so let's get down to business.

I'd like to say a big THANK YOU to Mary & Aaron Duncan and Jim Carey and his crew from the Rogue Outdoor Store for doing an incredible job putting together this year's CAF Rogue River Salmon Derby. We had some great items donated this year for the silent auction and raffle boards, we'll have a complete report and thank you list provided soon I hope. Thank you also to BJ Jorge & Randy Waters for handling all the money world stuff and Pat Eakles, Dean Pollen and Gary Underhill for helping move and setup stuff. Once again Bob Chibante, the Dalhia's were gorgeous, Mangia Buff & Woggy's provided some yummy food and we all enjoyed listening to the band, I must apologize I don't remember their name, but will get it, thank you,

you all did a GREAT JOB.

Oct. 1st we started collecting any adult Chinook Salmon that ODFW caught while sieging up at Huntley Park. My last report from Oct. 20th we had approx. 24 Wild Chinook Salmon from Huntley and only about 2 dozen mostly Jack's had returned to the ladder at the Hatchery and were put in the Adult Holding Tank. I haven't collected any Food Bank fish yet, but hopefully we will have more of our hatchery fish return the beginning of Nov.

A quick thank you and good job to the ODFW sieging crew and CAF volunteer Jim Pennington who has been assisting at Huntley. We had been contacted through the Gold Beach Ma Bell System that somehow a trampoline had been found tangled with trees in Indian Creek by the RV Park. The seining crew got in the creek and removed the obstruction before the rains hit and caused a problem for our returning fish.

We are having the annual RAISE A SALMON, EAT A PIZZA at Sunset Pizza on Nov 2nd starting at 5pm to 8pm. It's \$10.00 a person, all you can eat, with a salad too, and it benefits the Indian Creek Hatchery. Hope to see you all there; you can get tickets at the door or from a CAF member

Gary's been having work parties and they are currently working on installing the new liner in Raceway #3 and cleaning and prepping the stacks for spawning. We should start spawning around Nov. 15th, so if you haven't heard from me and want to help with spawning, please call me at 541 425-0396.



Photo by Richard McKinney Race way #3

I've got my soups ready to cook for spawning season and we always appreciate anyone who makes and brings snacks during spawning season, we all like to eat, especially me. Hope to see you all at the Pizza Feed or at spawning, and if I forgot to thank anyone, I'm sorry, see you all around the hatchery.

Thank you,
Christine Underhill
541 425-0396

Volunteer Profile of the Month

John Chafin

By: Hassie Taylor and Anne Morgan

John is also from the San Luis Obispo (SLO) area. John attended San Luis Obispo's schools from grade school through high school. He spent much of his childhood and adolescence roaming the nearby hills and country-side in search of the best fishing and hunting spots.



Photo by Anne Morgan

Upon graduation from high school, John attended Cal Poly in SLO, joined the National Guard, got married and eventually discovered the hippie world. He and his first wife purchased 15 acres of wild land outside of Templeton and became "back-to-the-landers." Over the years,

raw ground gave way to a home with three lively daughters, a workshop, and a small ranch, "The Oaks". John worked as a carpet layer and carpenter before becoming a building contractor and custom home builder. He and his family enjoyed spending time camping, fishing, hunting and birdwatching. It was at this time that John first fished the coast of Southern Oregon telling him that "if the chance ever came, he would move there someday."



Photo by Anne Morgan

John met his second wife, Barbara, in the mid-1990s. Over the next 8 years, the two traveled from Templeton to Brookings and Gold Beach for fishing vacations. As the central California coast became busier and busier with more traffic and more people, John and Barbara decided to sell "The Oaks" and move to the Oregon Coast. At age 54, John retired as a building contractor and became an official Oregonian. He and Barbara made their home on Hunter Creek and spent many hours fishing together and enjoying country living. Barbara passed away in 2012. Many remember her smiling face at the front counter of Corner Drug where she worked for many years.

Recently, John found a new love, Anne. Together they enjoy birdwatching and contra-dancing even though John thinks of himself as having two left feet. They also enjoy camping and hiking, and he is working on passing on his affliction for fishing to her.



Photo submitted by Anne Morgan

John's volunteer activities include the hatchery (feeding fish and fin-clipping), working with Friends That Care (the Give-Away) and Friends of the Library. In the past, he volunteered with Hospice Marketplace.

Along with their volunteer activities, Joe and John continue to fish the Rogue. We're happy to have these two old friends volunteering for the hatchery.



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Submitted by Hassie Taylor

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Edward Jones and Damon feel that the Curry Anadromous Fishermen (CAF) is a vital part of the community and commend the volunteers at Indian Creek Hatchery for their tireless efforts.



Photo by Hassie Taylor (Edward Jones Offices)

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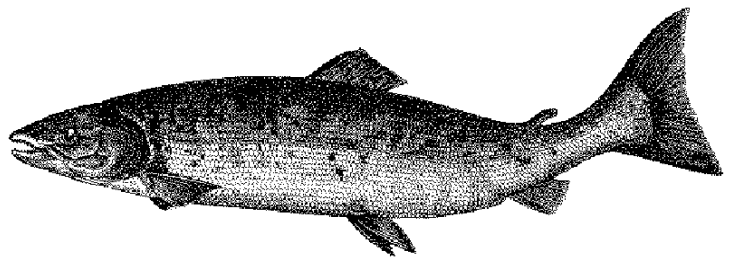


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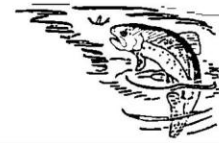
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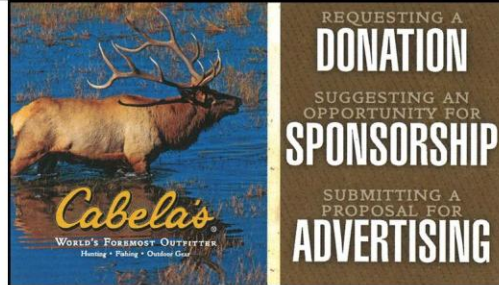
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