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Next GENERAL MEETING Thursday, Feb. 12, 2015 – 10:00 AM Jot's Resort (West Conf. Rm.) Gold Beach Come and join us for an informative meeting.

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President's Corner

By David Sophusson

Our new batch of eggs have been picked and Due to the great efforts of the counted. spawning crew, I believe we had a lot less mort's this year than in the past. As you may recall, last year we were in a drought situation and didn't even have enough water to run the egg counter without a jury rigged water pump setup. This year we seem to be back to normal with no water or silt problems. Things are looking so good that by the time we counted the last batch of eggs in the incubator trays the first trays were already hatching into alevins. So it won't be long before we transfer all the new babies into the raceways. Gary Underhill is working on the new screens for the back ends of the raceways. I'd like to thank Middle Rogue Steelheaders for the funds to replace them. The old ones were ten years old and finally failed last year and being juveniles as you may know some of our little fish decided to sneak out of the house. Although we try very hard to prevent things like that from happening, sometimes those little gremlins come up and bite you in the tush. Overall, I'm looking forward to another good year. Thanks everyone for all you do making our little hatchery the success that it is.

Fishing Quote of the Month

A bad day of fishing is better than a good day at work ~ Author Unknown

CAF General Meeting

Nov. 13, 2014

<u>President-</u> David Sophusson called the meeting to order at 10:00am. David expressed our CAF appreciation to Jot's Resort for accommodating our monthly meeting in their exercise room due to furniture stored in their meeting rooms during their extensive renovation. David and Becky are glad to be home.

<u>Minutes-</u> The minutes for the October meeting were approved as printed in *The Riffle*.

Treasurer's reportTreasurer's reportBarbara Jorge reported that the financial data is current now that Becky Sophusson is back and has updated the bookkeeping. The accounting for the BiMart Country Music Festival is complete, but there are still a few items coming in for the derby. There was a gain of \$2,264 for the month of October. The mistake on the IRS reporting has been corrected with no consequence. Hassie Taylor will coordinate with Ray Barmore on the listing of paid sponsors that should be listed in The Riffle and on the website.

<u>Hatchery-</u> Gary Underhill reported that yesterday was the first spawning and 10 pairs were spawned. ODFW has set our goal at 40 pairs and doesn't anticipate a problem with our mixture of hatchery and wild fish. The next spawning will be on the 18th. Gary will coordinate the retrieval of more spawners from Indian Creek. The filtration system is operating to regulate the water for the egg trays.

2015 BiMart Country Music Festivalboard of directors appointed Becky Sophusson
to be the chairwoman for the pancake breakfast
and VIP hospitality. Becky will coordinate with
the board on planning, budget, equipment and
volunteers. Becky and Dave hosted a dinner for
this year's festival volunteers and Becky
summarized many of the details that need to be
addressed next year. The festival organizers
were very impressed with CAF's organization
this year and appreciated all our volunteers.

December Election/General meeting Dinner-An open discussion was held about the choices for the upcoming meeting. At last week's board meeting the directors decided to not pay for the Dec. meeting, but CAF will fund a volunteer appreciation function next summer. There were eight board members present, so Jim Freedman suggested a vote from the audience of their preferences on the dinner. David then called for a motion to the board.

MOTION- by Jack Sheehan, second by John Epps, that the meeting be held at Honey Bear Campground on Dec. 5th for a cost of \$12/meal and attendees pay for their meal. The motion was approved unanimously by the 8 board members.

Gary Underhill will make sure that the volunteer coordinator knows about the board's decision

<u>The Riffle</u> – Editor, Hassie Taylor, requested that inputs be submitted by Nov. 17th and she will be able to have the newsletter mailed by Dec. 1st. Hassie needs member inputs to meet the requirement for 75% non-advertising content.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45am Submitted by Glenn Kral, CAF Secretary

CURRY ANADROMOUS FISHERMEN ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 12/5/2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm by President David Sophusson. After welcoming everyone, David thanked them for doing a much appreciated job of raising the 2014 smolts. David thanked Chris Underhill for organizing the dinner and calling everyone. David thanked Gary and Jeanette Saks for offering their wonderful restaurant facilities at Honeybear RV Park and Campground. CAF Secretary, Glenn Kral, conducted the 2015 Board of Directors' election.

Election of Board of Directors

CAF secretary, Glenn Kral, presented the slate of members that agreed to serve on the Board for 2015:

Harry Carlson, John Epps, Jim Freedman, Barbara Jorge, Glenn Kral, Jack Sheehan, David Sophusson, Gary Underhill, Randy Waters

Glenn asked if there were any other nominations or volunteers and there were none. Mike Ananos moved that we accept the proposed slate of board nominees. Gene Trinkler seconded the motion. Glenn Kral called for a vocal vote and the proposed slate was unanimously approved.

The Board will appoint officers at the next board meeting. It was announced that there will not be

either a board or general meeting in January, 2015.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm Minutes submitted by Secretary, Glenn Kral

Volunteer Profile of the Month Gary Harmon

Interview by Hassie Taylor



Photo by Hassie Taylor

Gary, born in Marysville, CA in 1957, grew up in Lakeside, OR. He has two brothers and, interestingly, all siblings live on rivers in Oregon. In high school Gary played football and during the summers he worked for his uncle, the owner and operator of Pro-Kill Pest Control. As Gary became familiar with chemical agents in pest control, he furthered his training and became a licensed rice fumigator.

Then in 1994 Gary was involved in an accident that would change his life forever. He was struck by a teenage drunk driver returning home on graduation night. The accident placed him in a coma for three months along with a long five month stay in the hospital. When Gary was released, he moved in with his parents and underwent intensive physical therapy.

Gary married his childhood sweetheart, Jackie, (the girl who lived next door) in 1997 and together they decided to settle in Gold Beach. Gary describes his first encounter with Gold Beach as "love at first sight." In 1998 the couple purchased a home in Gold Beach. Then Gary met Herman Neuhaus and, together, they started feeding fish every Wednesday beginning in 1999. Now that Herman has passed, Gary

feeds with various hatchery volunteers. Gary loves his life and enjoys being involved with the hatchery. He loves to fish; he is a catch and release fisherman and sometimes donates fish to the Sea View Senior Center.

Hatchery Happenings

Submitted by: Chris Underhill

Volunteer Coordinator: 541-247-0396

Happy New Year Everyone!!!

We ended last year with a very nice Christmas dinner at Honeybear Campgrounds. Gary and Jeanette Saks provided a very nice evening for all the CAF Volunteers and guests starting with appetizers. Gary then prepared his awesome pork tenderloin. I know I got a CPA (clean plate award), and I always love the potato pancakes.

Thank you all for coming and braving the downpour of rain. It was great to see everyone and visit, but we missed the sickies too and glad everyone is on the road to recovery. It has been a horrible flu and cold season. Thank you Gary and Jeanette and all your helpers for a wonderful evening.

Now, to the fish - the egg counter came in mid-December and Gary called in some of the volunteers and they proceeded to:

Day 1- Shock eggs, which mean to agitate eggs so unfertilized eggs will turn white.

Day 2- Pick & Count eggs; they pick all the white eggs out of each tray and then put eggs through counter.

Day 3- Repick eggs - just a second look to see if any more eggs turned white.

Thank you to everyone who helped pick and count eggs and especially to the guys who stepped in while my Gary was sick and took care of business.

You all are going to hate me, but I don't have the exact number of eggs, I transferred the numbers for each tray to the books, but forgot to write them down at home. I know we have 49 trays of eggs and averaged around 3,200 eggs per tray, so that's roughly 150,000 babies.

Gary, Art and Larry have delivered 3 trays (that's around 12,000 eyed eggs to the hatchboxes on Cedar Valley Road. I've been working on getting some cub scouts or home schooled kids to help release the fry into Cedar

Forks Creek around mid-March. We'll have an update next month.

Daily feeder schedule starts Feb. 1st. Please check enclosed calendar for your scheduled day. Feeder instructions are on the board inside hatchery. If you are unable to feed or wish to volunteer for any of the open days, please call me, Chris Underhill at 541 425-0396. I'm also looking for people to pair up with my current solo feeders. It's easier to feed and clean when there are two people and who better to learn from them than an experienced feeder volunteer.

All the eggs have hatched by now and are alevin living off their egg sacks and, with the warmer water temperatures this year, the alevin will mature faster. We should have buttoned-up Salmon Fry in the raceways by mid to late February and then the adventure really begins! The fish food arrived Jan. 19th and is being stored at the hatchery. Thank you to all the guys who helped unload and stack all those bags of food. It takes a bit to feed 90,000 salmon fry.

We should be having some work parties coming up the beginning of February to pressure wash and prepare the raceways. I know Gary has already taken the raceway screen frames to Don Foss so he can put new screens on them.

There's a lot to do to prepare for these little guys. I'll be calling for help when it's time to put the fish into the raceways.

Gary's been doing a great job monitoring the water flows into the hatchery during these rainstorms. He had to dig out the spring line and flush out a few water lines. He has had only two late night water alarm calls. Gary's quick response has averted any loss of eggs and the continued flow of water to all the stacks and trays.

I'm giving everyone a heads up on Arizona Beach Reel Days. This is where we get as many volunteers as possible and we teach all the 3rd graders from Gold Beach, Brookings and Pt. Orford how to fish! If you'd like to help, put it on your schedule and call me, the more, the merrier!

Arizona Beach Reel Days

Day 1 Wednesday, April 22nd
Driftwood Elementary, Pt. Orford
Riley Creek Elementary, Gold Beach

Day 2 Thursday, April 23rd Kalmiopsis Elementary, Brookings

Day 3 Tuesday, April 28th
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Day 4 Thursday, April 30th Kalmiopsis Elementary, Brookings

Happy Valentine's Day and don't forget to stop by Flowers by the Sea and pick up some flowers and chocolates for your sweetie!

Volunteerism: You can take it to the Bank

The Cape Blanco Country Music Festival brought some 15,000 people to the Port Orford area. That brought a tremendous economic boom to the area and local businesses flourished. In addition to business, schools and sports booster clubs sold tickets, nonprofit groups cooked food, sold drinks, staffed showers, directed traffic, manned the hospitality tents, and much more. Each of these groups got to keep a portion of the proceeds. Visitors who discover our area during Cycle Oregon or the Cape Blanco Music Festival will likely return and explore on their own.

Let's appreciate the volunteers from all walks of life, all ages, and organizations who donated their time to help make these big events successful. The money they received will help them do their good work in our communities. With events such as these, the Oregon Coast is on the map as a destination.

Footnote: *The World*Tuesday, October 21, 2014, Opinion section

Sponsor's Corner

Submitted by Hassie Taylor

The Rogue Outdoor Store owned and operated by Jim and Diane Carey is located at 29865 Ellensburg in Gold Beach (541-247-7142). The store is open 7 days a week, Mon.-Sat. 8:00 AM to 5:30 PM and Sunday from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM (winter hours). During the summer I think Jim and Diane live at the store. Jim has a great supply of rifles, pistols, shot guns and ammo. The store also carries hunting supplies and clothing, including women's clothing, all weather gear shoes and boots, jeans, socks, and hats. Of course the Rogue Outdoor Store also carries fresh and saltwater fishing rods, reels, hooks, bait, and basically everything you'll need for a great fishing trip on the Rogue River and surrounding rivers, including fishing conditions, fishing guides information and sound fishing advice can all be found here. The man knows his stuff and has been in business for 41 years. Come by the Gold Beach store and say hello to Jim, Larry and Ted. Tell them you heard about them in The Riffle.

Jim also has two other stores: the **Chetco Outdoor Store** located at the corner of Hwy. 101 &Hoffeldt Lane in Harbor (541-469-9151) and **Bite's On** in Coos Bay (541-888-4015).

Jim's wife, Diane, runs Flowers By the Sea (the store across the street from Ace Hardware) at 29730 Ellensburg Ave., a full service florist with gifts, cards and a candy shop. The fudge is made on site.

Jim Carey has been a strong supporter of Curry Anadromous Fishermen and the Indian Creek Hatchery since CAF's beginning in 1987. He has donated much merchandise and is the instrument of success behind the annual CAF Salmon Derby held each September. Thank you, Jim, for being a great sponsor and supporter!



Rogue River Renderings

Submitted by Laural Gerkman

Historical Snippets about our Salmon Fishery By Laurel Gerkman

Feeding a Million Little Salmon

R.D. Hume at his private Indian Creek hatchery on the lower Rogue, in the spring and summer of 1907 had on hand from 1,363,186 to 1,418,035 fry. There is a record of what he fed them, and how much, from March 4 to July 19, 1907, when he turned them loose, most of them then being nearly four inches long after they had eaten 33,308 pounds of feed as follows:

Kind of feed	Pounds
Blood	10
Horse Meat	356
Herring/other fish	550
Salmon melts	1,000
Germea (fry refused)	1,385
Canned beef	144
Raw beef	2,173
Canned salmon	1,489
Raw salmon	1,657
Salmon heads	23,544

(cooked in retort 3 hours and ground to a pulp) Source: Peterson, Emil and Powers, Alfred, A Century of Coos and Curry, Coos-Curry Pioneer Association, Coquille, 1977

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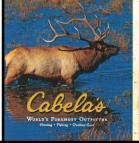
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