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President's Corner

By David Sophusson

Here we go again; by the time you read this all of the babies will have been transferred to the race ways and daily feeding will be starting again. On Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays our feeders also do double duty on those mornings giving hatchery tours. With that said, this is where we are in need of help. With the passing of Herman Niehaus, who was a Wednesday feeder along with Garry Harmon, we are now short one tour guide. This is important to the hatchery because these tours not only educate the public about what we do, but it also generates a little extra income for us from the donations we get. If you or anyone you know would like to volunteer for Wednesday feeding and tour guide please call Chris Underhill at 541-247-0396. It is necessary to sign the volunteer form every year. So if you are at the hatchery and haven't filled out the form, please do so. They are located in the hatchery building. The board also needed to clarify and simplify membership dues. In the past membership dues were \$20.00 per person. Somehow, over the past few years people have been led to believe that it was \$20.00 per family which is incorrect. So the board has decided to change the dues to \$20.00 per person or \$30.00 for the immediate family. It has also come to our attention that a lot of folks don't know when their dues expire. Many years ago the original board members decided that if you joined the hatchery say in August that you would be a member until the following August which, in my opinion, is rather confusing especially for our treasurer. So, for those of you that don't know, if you look on your mailing label on *The Riffle* at

the end of your name is the date that you need to renew your dues. Well, I hope that this info helps clarify some thing for all of you. Thank you all for your support!

CAF General Meeting

Feb. 12, 2015

President- David Sophusson called the meeting to order at 10:40am. The minutes of the Nov. and Dec. general meetings were approved as printed in the Feb. issue of The Riffle. The board approved the 2015 budget.

2015 Board of Directors Officers- David Sophusson, president; John Epps, vice president; Barbara Jorge, treasurer; Glenn Kral, secretary.

Treasurer- Barbara Jorge reported a Dec. loss of \$2,064.09 (final derby expense of \$987) and a January monthly loss of \$1,147.60 (griddle purchase). Barbara received an invoice from McKay's Market with no accounting or receipt copies and requested that everyone who makes purchases needs to get a receipt (or copy) and leave it in the treasurer's folder or donation box at the hatchery.

Cooking Griddle- CAF purchased a large, multi-use, heavy griddle for \$463. David has attached wheels. The board discussed the benefits of a trailer to house the griddle and other items that CAF uses throughout the year and approved the future purchase an enclosed trailer.

Insurance- Becky explained that our carrier requires members to annually fill out and sign the ODFW volunteer form. The forms were available today and will be at the hatchery for all volunteers.

Membership dues- There are occasions when it is necessary for all members of an immediate family to be members of CAF. The board decided that effective Jan. 1, 2015, annual membership dues in CAF will be \$20 for a single membership and \$30 for a couple and immediate family membership.

ODFW- The volunteer form **MUST** be completed and signed by ALL hatchery volunteers.

HATCHERY- Gary Underhill reported: Don Foss and Don Wood replaced the hardware cloth on the separation screens; all the egg trays look good and 98,000 eggs will be ponded starting this week; 12,000 eggs went to the Cedar Valley hatch box; Jim Freedman is getting the vacuum pumps reassembled; the feeding schedule will begin soon.

2015 Fundraisers- Hassie Taylor agreed to chair the pizza fundraiser in the fall. Becky and her committee will be following up on the Bi-Mart concert requirements and will keep CAF members apprised of job assignments and work schedules. Becky has received the fireworks contract and CAF will sell fireworks this year. Harry Carlson has begun the background organizing for the derby and has already received 2 monetary donations.

Middle Rogue Steelheaders (MRS)- Their generous donation of \$1,000 will be used to replace the predator netting over and around the raceways.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:26am
Submitted by Glenn Krall, CAF secretary

Fishing Quote of the Month

May the holes in your net be no larger than the fish in it. ~ Irish Blessing

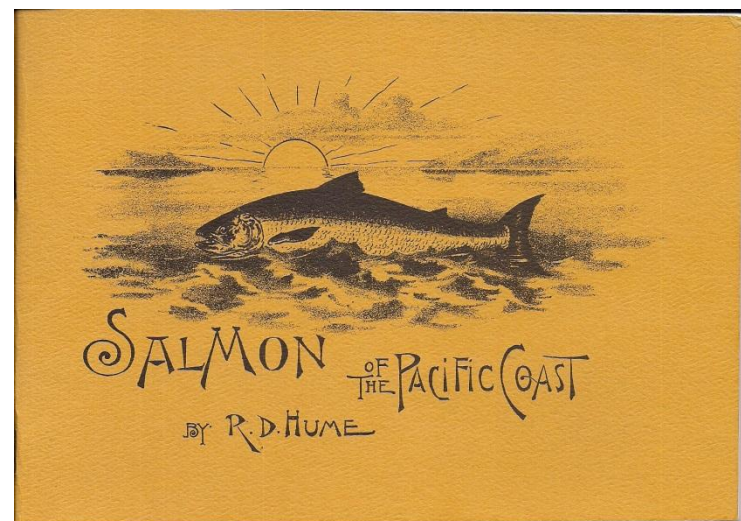


Photo of book submitted by Laurel Gerkman

VolunteerProfile of the Month **Don & Kathy Wood**



Don and Kathy were rooted in Southern California. Don was born in Los Angeles. His father worked on an oil pipeline; consequently, the family moved around a lot due to his father's job. In 1956 Don joined the Marines Corp Reserves, retired in 1987 and for 15 years was a member of the Marine Corps' International Shooting Team winning five national records and competing all across the continental US including Alaska, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico. Don met Kathy while in Bakersfield when she worked as a bartender and he worked as an insurance agent for State Farm. Fishing was a common interest they shared. Don wasn't shy to declare that Kathy can out fish him any day of the week. Their family includes Don's boys, Darren and Blake from his first marriage and their daughter, Heather. When Heather was born, Kathy became a stay-at-home mom.

As many other have before them, Don and Kathy discovered the beautiful Oregon coast. After several years of visiting the area and spending time at Secret Camp, they purchased a home in Gold Beach in 2012. They fell in love with the lifestyle and people of Gold Beach.

Kathy is not only a champion in catching fish, but she also won the CA State Yo Yo championships twice (at the age of 9 and 11). Today Kathy spends her time canning, dehydrating, and pressure canning. She participates in an exercise class and also volunteers at the concession stand for the Ellensburg Theater.

In addition to camping and fishing, the couple likes to travel. They have visited any places such as Mexico, Italy, Ireland, Czech Republic,

Alaska, and Saint Thomas in the (Caribbean). Both agree they would like to revisit Italy and return to Normandy, (France) sometime in the future.

Don and Kathy were introduced to the hatchery by Don and Marilyn Foss through those good old Taco Tuesday luncheons. Soon Kathy found herself in the clipping trailer fin-clipping while Don hauls the buckets filled with fingerlings. They both worked the Cape Blanco music festival last August. Don was a pancake flipper while Kathy worked as a captain at the breakfast. Both worked the hospitality booth. They want to learn more aspects of how the hatchery operates and together do monthly feeding for our babies in the raceways. Well, Don and Kathy, your next volunteer opportunity awaits; the Arizona Reel days are just around the corner.

Rogue River Renderings

Contributed by Laurel Gerkman



Seining crew photo from Curry Historical Society archives

Hume's empire depended on his success in catching the Chinook salmon. The fishermen he employed used two techniques. The older of the two was seining. This operation took place as soon as the tide began to recede and, naturally, took place only on the tidelands. When the tide turned, the men waded out on the sand and placed one end of the seine in a large boat; the other end was fastened to a small dory. At a signal, the boat pulling the seine circled around against the current so as to trap the fish heading upstream. The men in the dory hurried to the bar

with the shore end of the net, trying to get it in as soon as possible in order to prevent the escape of the salmon around the shore end. After this was done, the outer line was brought in to the shore by the seine boat. The catch was then sorted.

The second type of fishing practiced on Rogue River was gill netting. Whereas the object of the seine was to haul in all types and sizes of fish, the purpose of the gill net was to catch the salmon's gills in its meshes, which were so woven that small fish slipped through the net.

The 'set' gill net was placed in a fixed position across the river. The net was pulled out about an hour before high-water slack and taken in one hour after the turn of the tide. It was attached to a post on shore and to a launch or rowboat that was rowed out to the river channel where stakes were driven so that the net was placed at right angles to the course of the tide. When the salmon moved with the tide, they struck the nets with their heads, their gills became tangled, and they drowned. When the tidal run was over, the net was raised and catch removed. The set net, it must be noted, was never anchored or staked completely across the river at any point, for then none of the breeding fish would be able to get through to spawn.

Or a 'drift' technique was used. The boat puller rowed the boat two-thirds of the way across the stream and then turned downstream so that the net for an L-shape. The top of the net was corked and the bottom one leaded so that the net held its shape. The net was released and floated downstream with the current, being guided at one end by a floating buoy and at the other by the boat. After a deep estuary or eddy was passed, they hauled the net in.

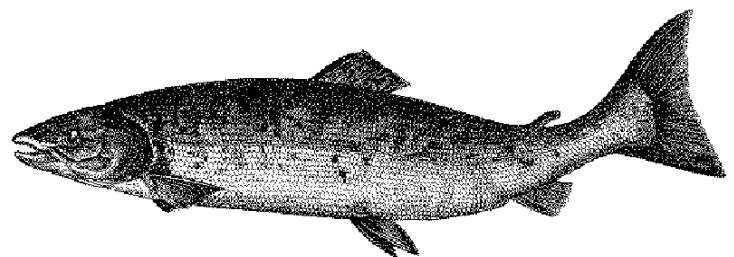
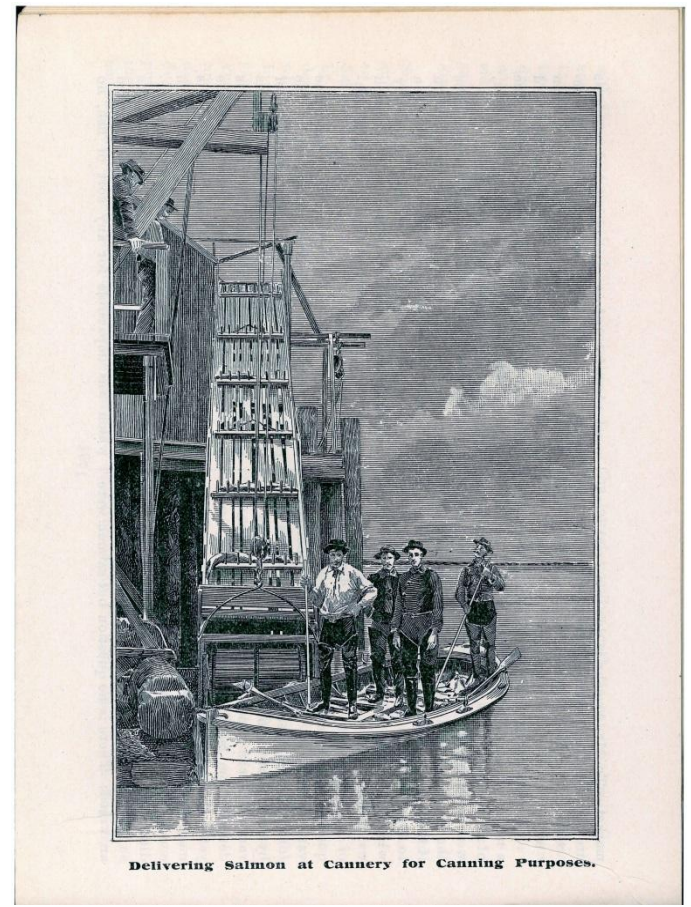
The men who fished for R.D. Hume were all local area residents. Their familiar names occur in the records year after year: Caughells, Clarnos, Strahan, Meserveys dominate the pages.

In the spring season of 1885, Hume employed eighteen fishermen, seven of whom worked the drift nets and eleven the sets. At the time, Hume contract agreed to pay 25 cents per usable fish caught and all fish had to be sold to Hume's cannery. Seining arrangements were handled differently. For the two primary locations, there was a boss on each seine and three men under him. Primary seine locations were at Bagnell's

ferry, Canfield bar, and Lobster Creek. Wages at the time averaged \$60 monthly to the boss, and \$40 to each assistant plus seasonal room & board.

Source: Dodds, Gordon B., The Salmon King of Oregon, The University of North Carolina Press, 1959.

CAF wishes to thank Laurel Gerkman for the Riffle contributions she will be making to our newsletter.



Sponsor's Corner

Submitted by Hassie Taylor



Laurell Fogg, our newest CAF sponsor, grew up on a ranch and resides in her home state of Cheyenne, Wyoming. Laurell describes herself as an artist who paints “western art from the heart.” Her landscapes portray the beauty and diversity of Wyoming. As a retired teacher who has taught students from elementary through college, her art has developed in many mediums: oil, watercolor, pastel, pencil and mixed media. She portrays her rural lifestyle through art. Her active involvement in all facets of ranching and participating in rodeos and parades has given Laurell the inspiration and pathway to her art. She has won numerous awards at the local, state, and regional competitions. Her art has also been exhibited in the Washington DC Congressional offices.

Laurell and her husband, Calvin, raise Angus cattle in Wyoming. They have three sons and seven grandchildren and spend as much time as possible with family.

She hopes her artistic expression will renew memories, or will instill in the viewer an exploration of the Wyoming way of life.

We thank Laurell for her sponsorship. If you're interested in speaking with her or acquiring a piece of her art, feel free to contact her: 307-316-0801.

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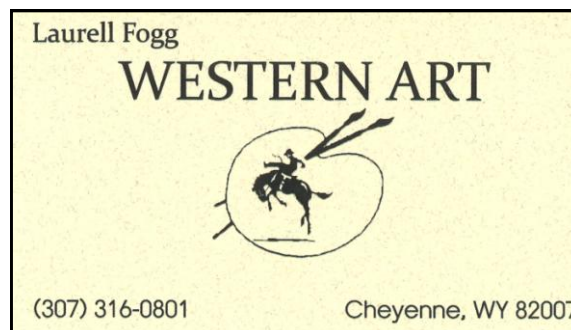
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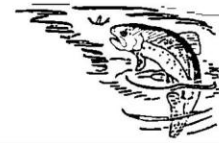
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