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INDIAN CREEK HATCHERY IS RUN BY **CURRY ANADROMOUS FISHERMEN,** AN ALL-VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION.

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Next GENERAL MEETING Thursday, June 11, 2015 - 10:00 AM Jot's Resort (West conf. rm.) Gold Beach, OR Come; join us for an interesting and informative meeting.

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President's Corner

By David Sophusson

I don't know how many of you saw the article about the hatchery in the March 25th edition of the Curry County Reporter, but Mark Lanier did a fantastic report!

Reel Fish Days at Arizona Pond went extremely well this year from what I've been told. The weather finally cooperated for the event and everyone, kid's parents and volunteers alike had a great time. On one day almost 200 rainbow trout were caught with almost 2 dozen in the 3-4 pound range! The next event coming up will be the Free Fishing Day at Libby Pond on June 6th. CAF will be again donating some of the prizes and cooking hot dogs for the participants. This is a great state wide event and we appreciate ODF and W's efforts to bring fishing awareness to the younger generation. Well, it's getting to be that time of year again when you need to limber up those fingers for fin clipping on June 15 through 19. Not only do we get to clip the adipose fins off of 90,000 fish, but it is also a great social event for our members and guests alike. In addition, you'll get a great lunch! If you haven't been asked and would like to help out, contact Chris Underhill at 541-425-0396. I would also like to thank Gary Underhill and his crew for replacing the main water valves feeding raceways 2 and 3. The 30 year old valves were beginning to fail so now we have new valves on all 3 raceways to control the flow of water to the fish as needed. The changing of the valves went smoother and faster than anticipated by the crew thanks to their preplanning the project. I would like to thank Wayne Adams for donating and cutting the 16 stainless steel all-thread rod pieces that replaced the rusted and crusted old

galvanized ones needed to attach the valves to the water lines. All Gary can say about the new valves is that they sure look pretty!

CAF General Meeting

April 9, 2015

<u>President-</u> David Sophusson called the meeting to order at 10:10am. The minutes of the Mar. general meeting were approved as printed in the April issue of *The Riffle*. David expressed CAF's gratitude to Jot's Resort for accommodating our monthly meeting in their penthouse suite.

<u>Treasurer-</u> Barbara Jorge reported a Mar. monthly gain of \$800.99. There was a donation of \$1,000 for the 2015 fishing derby from the Coquille Indian Tribe and a derby donation of \$250 from the Elk Valley Rancheria. Gene Trinkler handed Barbara a \$1,000 donation check from Rena & Ernie Weston, long-time supporters of CAF through their fireworks purchases.

HATCHERY- Gary Underhill reported: the fish are eating well; the vacuum pumps are operating; there are new wheels on the brush heads; future replacement of raceway #3 valve; the DO and water pressure are both good. Gary reminded feeders to take their time vacuuming and clean the filter basket several times if needed.

2015 Fundraisers- HELP, a new coordinator for the fireworks booth has not yet volunteered. Harry Carlson and Jim Carey are working on dinner site details and prize donations for the derby. There are no new details on the music festival, but Becky and Dave are working on the food supply details.

<u>Kids in the Park-</u> CAF will participate in this July 11th event in Buffington Park. CAF will have either a booth or table and volunteers will organize some games and prizes.

<u>Audit-</u> John Epps, Jim Freedman and Glenn Kral conducted an audit of the treasurer's books for 2014 and are pleased to announce that everything was in impeccable order, all entries were properly accounted for and the balances were correct. Thank you Barbara and Becky.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55am Submitted by Glenn Kral, Secretary

CAF General Meeting

May 14, 2015

<u>President-</u> David Sophusson called the meeting to order at 10:10am. *The Riffle* was not published in May, so minutes of the April meeting will be published in the June edition. In appreciation of the Middle Rogue Steelheader's (MRS) many years of funding numerous projects at the hatchery, the board of directors approved the inclusion of an ad in *The Riffle* for the upcoming MRS raffle for a drift boat.

<u>Treasurer-</u> Barbara Jorge reported a monthly loss for April of \$462.29. Two big expenses for the month were 4 months of printing charges and the purchase of a new raceway control valve.

<u>HATCHERY-</u> Gary Underhill reported: the #1 vacuum pump has not been sealing well; water supply may be a problem later; both the emergency pumps are ready for use; the oxygen system is not needed yet; the water flow alarm system has been activated.

2015 Fundraisers- The fireworks booth and the Bi-Mart Festival details are in *The Riffle*. Nine CAF volunteers attended the food handler's class and are approved to work the festival breakfast.

<u>Kids in the Park-</u> CAF will <u>not</u> participate in the July 11thRotary event in Buffington Park.

<u>ODFW-</u> John Weber thanked the CAF volunteers for their help with Reel Fishing Days. ODFW appreciated the CAF sponsorship of 2 lunch days and the sponsorship of lunch for the added fishing day on May 15th. There were 442 fish caught by approximately 100 children from the 3 Curry County schools. Having learned how to tie on a hook, accurately cast a line and how to successfully land a fish, ODFW hopes to have at least 25 more enthusiastic fisher peoples.

<u>Free Fishing Day-</u> Libby Pond on June 6th and CAF will serve hot dogs. The Dorothy and Eldridge Combs Memorial Fund will provide \$200 for prizes.

<u>Miscellaneous</u>- Fin clipping will be June 14th-17th; a group discussion about the possibility of covering the raceways; the need for a review of the insurance liability coverage.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15am Submitted by Glenn Kral, Secretary

The Middle Rogue Steelheaders Willie Drift Boat auction is on-line and ready to go.



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See the "DRIFT BOAT INCLUDES" Photo Album on the Facebook page for full list of features (w/pictures). The on-line auction will run from April 1, 2015 through 5:00 on September 9, 2015. The final top 3 bidders will then be invited to participate in our "Live Auction" at our Salmon Derby Dinner on Thursday night September 10, 2015.

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The top three bids will be posted and updated on the Auction Page and all bids will be anonymous. No names listed until the final top bidder gets the boat. The final bidding will be completed at the Steelheader Salmon Derby Dinner on September 9, 2015 with both telephone and live bids accepted.

Remember: for those of you who do not have Facebook the internet address for the Steelheaders Drift Boat Auction is: https://www.facebook.com/steelheaders.drift boatauction

This is truly a once in a lifetime opportunity to upgrade or get your first drift boat. Get the best get a Willie's Drift Boat!

Newsletter Editor Wanted

Our wonderful editor of *The Riffle*, Hassie Taylor, is going to retire. This job is essential to keeping CAF happenings exposed to the community, sponsors, contributors and our fantastic membership. This is an opportunity to work at your home computer and use all those creative ideas you've been keeping inside for years. This job would be ideal for two members to take on. For details call Hassie at 247-0733.

Hatchery Happenings

Submitted by:

Chris Underhill, CAF Volunteer Coordinator (541) 425-0396 or 247-0396

Bill Fetzer weighed the babies on May 16th; raceway #1 weighed 58 to the pound, with raceway #2 67 to the pound and raceway #3 83 to the pound. I think they are doing great! Thank you Barbara, Fetzer and Candy for covering my night feedings and weighing.

The fin clipping trailer will arrive June 11th and ODFW Bill will set it up on the 12th. The clipping will begin on Sunday, June 14th. I think it will take a full 4 days to get all the fish clipped this year. We'll have 2 shifts: 8am-12pm and 1-5pm with lunch served for all from 12 to 1pm. I'll be calling for volunteers to help clip fins, crowd, bucket and move fish into the trailer and for cooking and baking. Feel free to call me to volunteer at 541 247-0396.

Mary Duncan and Marcia Frizzell are handling the June 6th Libby Pond Fish Day this year. I know Mary and Marcia will do a great job. This will not be a kid's fishing derby but a family fishing day out at Libby Pond on Saturday, June 6th with hot dogs and lemonade. The use of a fishing rod will be provided. So bring out the family and enjoy a day of fishing!

I'd like to thank all the volunteers who covered for me while I was on my cross country adventure to Delaware with our daughter and her family.

Gary has been holding down the fort at the hatchery as well as going out to Arizona Beach and teaching the kids how to fish.

Arizona Beach Reel Days was a huge success. We taught approximately 300 kids from Brookings, Gold Beach, Pt. Orford and Eagle Point how to fish. They enjoyed beautiful weather and many trout were caught by many happy kids.

A good time was had by all!

Tours have started up again at the hatchery. Daily feeders on Wed. Fri. and Sat. need to call the Indian Creek RV Park at 10am and check for any tours.

I also want to let everyone know that Gary and I will be heading out on our own adventure for a few months the end of August. Would anyone

like to volunteer to be at the helm during my retreat? Please contact me.

Thank you everyone for being such a great group of volunteers; it's a pleasure working with you all.

Volunteer of the Month Profile Pat & Carol Kellis



Photo by Hassie Taylor

Pat and Carol were both born in Oregon. Carol was born in Gold Beach where she spent her early years living on the family homestead on the north bank of the river near Agness. Pat was born in Ontario, Oregon but lived across the border in Idaho until his family moved to Eugene, Oregon in 1943.

Pat emigrated to Brookings in 1959 and spent a few years as a commercial fisherman and diver and then worked as tugboat captain for 31 years. He towed barges in and out of Gold Beach, Brookings and most other west coast harbors including Alaska, Hawaii, Canada and the Pacific trust territories.

Carol spent time in Germany, Maryland and Alabama while raising her two sons, Alan and Troy. Pat raised his two boys David and Diana in Brookings.

When Pat and Carol were married in 1983 they moved to Pat's "stump ranch" north of Gold

Beach. In 1986 they began building a house with the help of Carol's late brother Ray. Pat said the house would never have been built without Ray's help since he had never built anything before except a woodshed which "didn't turn out so good". Most of the timber for the house was harvested from the property and was milled on site with a small portable band saw mill.

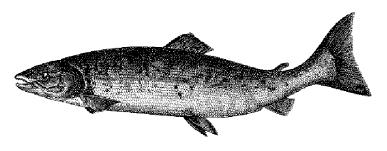
Pat and Carol wanted to find an organization where they could volunteer together and CAF was a perfect choice. Pat feels that it is a small payback for all the salmon he caught as a commercial fisherman and they enjoy feeding the fish and seeing their progress from egg to fry. It is great fun to help with the fishing days at Arizona Ranch. The kids have a great time and they are learning about nature and the joys of fishing.

Pat and Carol spend a lot of time in their garden growing much of their own produce and Carol's flowers are always in bloom throughout the year. Carol enjoys hiking the wilderness trails and Pat has resumed bicycling and restoring old bicycles and participating in the "Bike the Rogue" event in September.

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Submitted by Hassie Taylor

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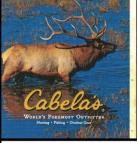
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