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President's Corner

By David Sophusson

This month is a tough one for us here at the hatchery. Although the hatchery and fish are doing well, it is with a heavy heart I have to say we lost two wonderful long time members. Mike Kopec and Herman Niehaus have recently passed away. I would like to thank Hassie Taylor and Phillip Dickson for their input to the memories of Mike and Herman.



Photo submitted by Philip Dickson

In Memory of Mike Kopec

Mike Kopec passed away unexpectedly and suddenly from heart failure on April 10, 2014 at the age of 66. He will be missed by his friends and the members and volunteers of CAF. Mike joined CAF after his retirement to the Oregon Coast in 2003. He loved to fish and put his heart and soul into CAF serving as a board member for many years and as president in 2007 and 2008. He helped with work parties, was at the helm during each spawning season, and relentlessly worked on special projects and fundraisers. His baby, and perhaps the most successful fundraiser we have had to date, is the Annual Salmon Derby which he created with Jim Carey.

In his school years, Mike attended the University of Missouri and then decided to join the USMC Reserves along with his next door neighbor. He told me that it was that experience that straightened him out and made him decide to return to school.

Mike spent most of his life in the Silicon Valley after working for Monsanto Research Center in New Hampshire. In the early 70's, while at Varian in Palo Alto, CA, he helped developed a semiconductor device that had military applications and police radars as well as fuzz busters applications. Along with three other partners, he started his own semi-conductor business back in Missouri in 1975 through 1979. In his career he worked in both production and marketing. After retiring from high tech he started a home-based business selling mobility equipment after his mother suffered a fall. Then he had the opportunity to flip some houses while living in Massachusetts in early 2000's. Yes, he was a man of many talents.

The members of CAF extend their thoughts and prayers to his family.

Submitted by Hassie Taylor

In Memory of Herman Niehaus

Herman has been with the Hatchery for many years. He retired from the California Highway Patrol and he and his wife Darlene found their way to Gold Beach. Herman was always there for the hatchery to do whatever was asked or needed. He also owned and was extremely interested in classic cars and Hot Rods. He

also was interested in doing upholstery work on boat seats and other items that friends needed done. He will be missed by all of his friends and hatchery volunteers.

By David Sophusson

CAF General Meeting

April 10, 2014

David Sophusson, president, called the meeting to order at 10:05am. The minutes from the March general meeting were approved as printed in the April issue of *The Riffle*.

Treasurer's report- Barbara Jorge reported a Mar. monthly loss of \$732.65. The major expense for the month is the repair of the vacuum pumps. David explained that we will be doing annual minimum maintenance to the pumps at the end of rearing season to prevent damage in the future. The pumps have served us very well and have been very helpful in making the raceway cleaning easier.

ODFW- John Weber reviewed the items mentioned in the recent ODFW tour that are necessary for the hatchery to be compliant with the requirements of the National Fisheries Council for fish passage and water intake. Most of the issues are at the water intake structure. CAF will have to cover some of the expenses and ODFW will work with us to minimize expenses, secure funding and meet the requirements.

Hatchery- Gary Underhill reported: all fish have been ponded and are feeding well. Feeders will be added as necessary; the vacuum pumps are working well with the bigger baskets; the high school students are almost finished with the new sign. Bill Fetzer asked about delaying fin clipping, as the fish will be small at the regularly scheduled date. John Weber stated that the clipping trailer is scheduled for the season and we have little leeway to alter when it's available.

Volunteer Coordinator- Chris Underhill will be contacting volunteers about the Reel Fishing Days schedule for mid-April. Chris is calling volunteers about fish feeding. The schedule for feeding and cleaning is posted. Chris reminded all volunteers to check the instruction board for daily details. Chris sadly announced that Herman Niehaus died.

Website- John Epps reported that Jim Freedman discovered the website had been hacked. David has tried to contact webmaster Eric Ragsdale. John has had a talk with local web designer Amber Hughes about the problem. Glenn will contact Ray Barmore.

Salmon Derby- David announced that the derby is scheduled at the same time as last year and Jim Carey has made arrangements for the Sunday dinner and awards/raffles to be held at the Event Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:23am
Submitted by Glenn Kral, CAF Secretary

Hatchery Happenings

Submitted by:
Christine Underhill 541 247-0396
CAF Volunteer Coordinator

Hello Allergy Season!

Yes, it's head in a fishbowl time. I'm sure you all have noticed the yellow coating of pollen on your vehicles, but look at all the beautiful flowers blooming. It's also approaching fin clipping season, should be the end of May or the beginning of June, so this is just a heads up, it's coming.

Well we have survived another year of Arizona Beach Reel Days and had 7 more CAF Volunteers complete their ODFW Youth Anglers & Aquatic Instructor Course. As I'm writing this article we've taught 25 Pt. Orford 3rd graders how to fish and they caught 19 fish on day one. On day two, we had 33 Riley Creek students that caught 48 fish, and about 30 Brookings Home Schoolers and Christian School that caught around 30 trout. We still have 2 more days to go, but we've already had a great turnout of volunteers.

Thank you all for having patience with the kids and teaching them how to fish, even in the rain! I told ya you would have a good time, especially when you hear that excited squeal, when the kids catch their first fish. Bob Tindill even brought his grandson, Dakota, who was spending spring break with him to help, they both had a blast, and then Dakota got to fish too, and caught a nice lunker. Thank you to new CAF Volunteers Ira & Helen Powers who made Chili & Cornbread and Marcia Frizzell who

made Chicken Noodle Soup and to Louise Foster & Joan Goodison for making desserts and everyone else who sent food, so we wouldn't starve, Thank you all!

The babies are doing great Rwy #1 & Rwy #2 are under 300 to a pound, while Rwy#3 is at about 450 to a pound, but they all seem to be eating well and we are adding more automatic feeders. Each raceway will have 5 auto feeders on them and be handfed every morning and evening. The daily feeders only have to do the AM handfeed and fill the automatic feeders. Bill Fetzer & I do the evening PM handfeed and we measure out the food for the next day.

Daily feeders also please check the calendar to see the raceway you need to clean; it's the number in the bottom right corner of your calendar day. You should brush the walls and vacuum your assigned raceway, and please brush top and bottom screens of all raceways. If it's raining and the water is cloudy don't worry about vacuuming that day, but make note of it in the notebook.

I'm looking for someone to help Gary Harmon feed fish on Wednesday's. Gary & Herman Neihaus have been feeding fish every Wed. since before 2000, but Herman passed away Feb. 13th, I'm sad to say, he will be very much missed. Herman used to help feed & clean every Wed., but he especially liked giving the tours, he had the gift of gab and enjoyed talking with all the visitors. After feeding he'd go to Indian Creek Café and have breakfast, that was his routine. You know Herman's wife had passed and he really missed her, he even restored a car that was an exact replica of the car he'd first dated her in. I really enjoyed hearing Herman's stories and visiting with him, I'll miss him.

If anyone is interested in helping feed on a Wed, or we have other days available where people need partners (it's much easier when there's two people), just give me a call Chris 541 247-0396 and I'll see if we can match you up with a day. You'd do the same day each month, like Gary & I do the 2nd & 3rd Friday of each month. It takes about 1 to 2 hours, during the summer and 15 to 30 mins. in the winter & spring.

On May 1st we have National Resource Day at the hatchery for Riley Creek & Pt. Orford 5th graders from 8:30 till noon. The extension office will have 7 different stations set-up around the

hatchery. At the Hatchery Station I'll talk to the kids about the salmon life cycle, have them answer a few questions, then the kids will feed the fish. When all the kids have completed all stations they will eat lunch at the hatchery then head to the port for a seal talk and a ride on the Jet Boats, fun day!

I'm not exactly sure what's going on with the Libby Pond Kid's Fishing Derby, but more information will be coming in next months Riffle. ODFW Free Fishing Weekend Oregon wide will be June 7th & 8th.

Last, but not least, we also lost our dear friend and CAF Volunteer Mike Kopec on April 10th. A very unexpected loss and still hard to believe, my Gary went by his house to have a parting beer with Mike, he took flowers and a cold can of Coors, in a CAF cozy. Think Mike would have liked that; I'll miss you, you ornery Pollock and your Man Cave!

Oh yeah, I almost forgot, tours will be starting Memorial Day Weekend. Tours will be every Wed. Fri. or Sat. at 10 AM, feeders please call Indian Creek RV Park to see if anyone wants a tour, if you're unable, give me a call 247-0396. Don't forget to have guests sign the Visitor's Log. Think that is all, but if I've forgotten something sorry, you all know I'm blonde!! Till next month.

Collecting Tributes for Mike Kopec and Herman Niehaus

Dear CAF Volunteers,
I thought I would publish a "thank you" or a favorite picture or a very short anecdote about Mike and Herman in next month's *Riffle*. Please submit to Hassie Taylor's folder at the hatchery or email it to me. If you have questions, feel free to give me a call. Thank you.

Hassie Taylor 247-0733

Fishing Quote of the Month

Gone fishin'; be back at dark-thirty!
~author unknown

Profile of the Month

Harry Carlson

Interview by Hassie Taylor



*Harry on a guided fishing trip with John Anderson
Photo submitted by Harry Carlson*

Harry first visited Gold Beach over three decades ago. He liked the area so much that he would have stayed right then and there if it had not been for a commitment to attend college. He graduated from Chabot Junior College in Hayward, CA with an Associate of Arts degree in fire science. While in college Harry played soccer and rugby. After college he started as a volunteer fireman and then became an engineer, Class A Pumper.

He married Marsha, his love, in 1975 and went to work as a route salesman for Pepsi where he had the highest volume route in the East Bay. After some time he decided to go into the building trades and became a plasterer. He stayed in the building trades until 2004.

After Harry's wife died in 2008, Harry entertained the idea of returning to Gold Beach. He had always loved fishing, whether for salmon, steelhead, or trout. Back when he was driving a truck for Pepsi, Harry met Dee Thomas

who fished the West Pro Circuit and who took Harry under his wing to fish black bass. Harry was becoming an experienced fisherman. What better place than Gold Beach to exercise ones fishing skills? So, Harry decided to move to our great community of Gold Beach full time. In addition to fishing, Harry's other great pastime is writing. He is a member of the Diablo Branch of CA Writer's Assoc. He has written most of his life and taken it on seriously in the last fifteen years. He has sandbagged some novels and is working to find a literary agent. Harry enjoys sports and has participated in soccer make-up games, playing with semi-pros from all over the world in the off season. He also enjoys motocross and has raced in marathons. And, of course, being an outdoorsman, he loves to hunt, deer and waterfowl, in particular. These days Harry is busy working on his new house. He credits John Anderson, a local fishing guide, for introducing him to the hatchery. Harry enjoys the work at the hatchery and the company all the volunteers. CAF is happy to have him join the team.

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Submitted by Hassie Taylor

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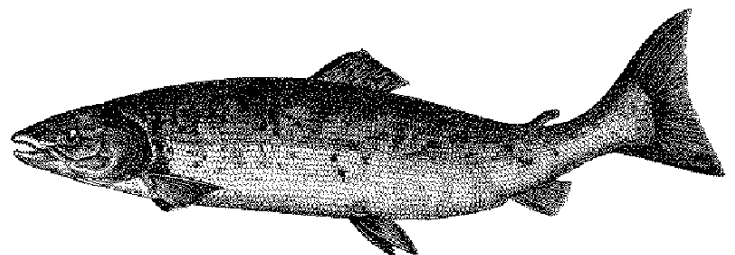
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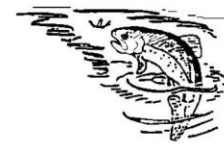
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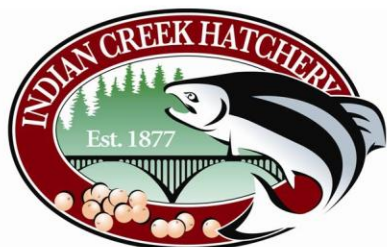
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