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## **Upcoming Events**

**June 7<sup>th</sup>: Kids Free Fishing Day @ Libby  
Pond**

**June 24<sup>th</sup>: Begin fin clipping**

**June 27<sup>th</sup>- July 4<sup>th</sup> : Fireworks booth**

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latest happenings at the hatchery. Go to  
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## **President's Corner**

By David Sophusson

Shared by Hassie Taylor

Dave is under the weather, but he wants to remind members that Becky will be calling volunteers to work the fireworks booth June 27<sup>th</sup> through July 4<sup>th</sup>. Give her a call and volunteer for the times and dates you'd like to work. Becky is still looking for a chairperson and will train the new chair. If you have any questions or would like more information, please give her a call at 541-247-9739.

We should be receiving word from Bi-Mart very soon, (hopefully by June 1<sup>st</sup>) that will define our group volunteer duties. So, do reserve the Cape Blanco Festival dates August 1-3<sup>rd</sup> to help CAF with this fundraising project.

David wishes everyone a wonderful summer.

## **Profile of the Month Sign-ups for 2014**

*Here's the list of the sign-ups gathered for 2014. If you would like to be published in 2015, please call me at 541-247-0733.*

January

February

March

April

May

June

July

August

September

October

November

December

Chris Underhill

No Riffle publication

John Weber

Becky Sophusson

Harry Carlson

Rich Watson

Chuck Dwyre

Bill Fetzer

Marshall Dickson

Nancy Howe

Pat Kellis

Gary Harmon

## **CAF General Meeting**

May 8, 2014

**David Sophusson**, president, called the meeting to order at 10:07am. The minutes from the April general meeting were approved as printed in the May issue of *The Riffle*. Mike Kopec passed away and will be greatly missed for his dedication and commitment to the success of the CAF goals and mission. Harry Carlson has accepted the invitation to become a board member and his appointment will be addressed at the June board meeting.

**Treasurer's report-** Barbara Jorge reported the April monthly loss of \$699.23.

**ODFW-** John Weber stated that the high mortality in raceway 3 could be due to a number of factors, but has definitely ruled out pathology. ODFW is very appreciative of the help from CAF volunteers at another successful "Reel Fishing Days" at Arizona Beach. Free Fishing Day will be held at Libby Pond on June 7<sup>th</sup>. ODFW will handle publicity for the event with the local newspapers, as well as the follow up after the event. Since CAF initiated awarding prizes at this event years ago, John would like CAF to be responsible for contributing to and collecting prize donations. Harry Carlson volunteered to work with John on gathering donations and CAF will contribute \$150 from the Dorothy and Eldredge Combs Memorial Fund for prize purchases. CAF will provide food and assist with awards and ODFW will bring their angling trailer.

**Hatchery-** Gary Underhill reported: there has been an unexplained high mortality rate in raceway 3, the oxygen levels have been good, the vacuum pumps have been working well, the new sign is almost ready, the feeding volunteers are doing a great job, fin clipping will begin around June 23<sup>rd</sup>, Dave will be installing the oxygen probes soon and the raceway decks will be painted sometime this summer.

**Volunteer Coordinator-** Chris Underhill reported (via Gary) that Reel Fishing Days went very well with not too much rain and 256 fish caught. Happy little fisher people will become happy adult fisher people!

**Fireworks-** Becky Sophusson will make sure information about the work schedule is in the next issue of *The Riffle*. **Becky is still seeking a chairperson.**

**BiMart Music Festival-** CAF does not have a definite work assignment yet.

**Memories of Mike Kopec and Herman Niehaus-** Hassie Taylor would like members to send her their stories/memories/quips about Mike or Herman.

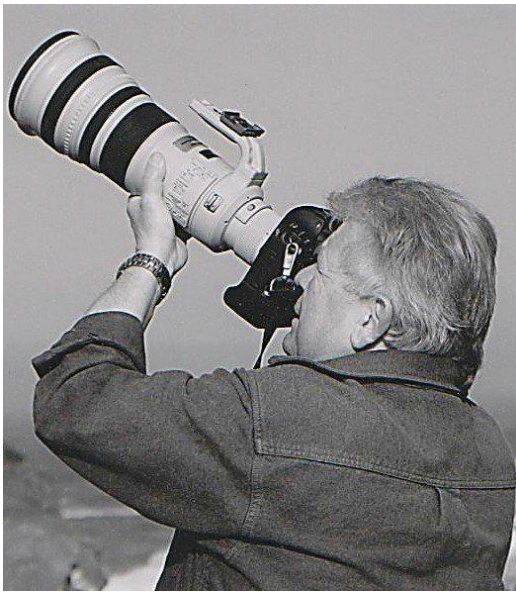
The meeting was adjourned at 11:20am  
Submitted by Glenn Kral, CAF Secretary

## **Profile of the Month**

### **Rich Watson**

Interview by Hassie Taylor

Rich was born in Fresno, CA and later moved to Antioch, CA retiring to Gold Beach, in 1995. As Rich expressed it, "...born in hell, moved to purgatory, and landed in paradise." Rich and his wife, Elizabeth, decided it was time to get out of CA. The kids were grown, and they were ready to begin a new chapter in their life. Rich worked for the Santa Fe Railroad for 25 years. He was in charge of repair and maintenance of all the electrical signal and crossing gates at the intersections where the road meets the railway. His territory covered 25 miles from Knightson, to Martinez, CA in the San Francisco Bay area. In 1995 the decision was made to head to Gold Beach where the hills meet the ocean. Once settled in, they began volunteering for the hatchery. Rich served as Vice President for a couple of years. He feels one of his accomplishments was to get a no-smoking ordinance in place in the meeting room. Elizabeth wrote monthly articles about what was happening at the hatchery, supplemented with photographs by Rich. He talked about some of the differences between today and the days-gone-by. For example, feeders needed to hand feed five times a day! No automatic feeders then. The vacuum equipment was old, heavy, and much more difficult to use. The fish food was frozen. There was no netting to keep the birds away. Volunteers had to go out to the dam regularly to see that it wasn't plugged up. The yearly release of the fry was held at Lex's Landing, various tributaries on the Rogue River and on the Illinois River at the Santa Anita Lodge in Agness.



*Photos by Rich Watson*

Photography has always interested Rich. He always kept a camera close by, even when working for the railroad. Rich loves the outdoors, so it's no surprise he has photographed a lot of wildlife. He has been published in the Oregon Coast Magazine, National Geographic Magazine, and the Weather Underground, as well as the Santa Fe Railroad Signalman's Journal, and America's Wild Coast, and in 2010 the Washington Connected Landscapes Project used one of his Elk photographs for the cover of their Executive Summary of the Washington Wildlife Habitat Connectivity Working Group that did a research project for the migrating wildlife in the northwest. Rich has his photographs currently displayed in the Gold Rush Building and at Gold Beach Books. He produces calendars annually from a selection of wildlife to scenic. I can hardly wait for the 2015 calendars. Rich has had many interests such as skydiving, woodworking, scuba diving, ocean fishing, and RV travels with Elizabeth.

Call Rich if you are interested in seeing any of his work. [541-247-9096](tel:541-247-9096).



## **Hatchery Happenings**

Submitted by:

Chris Underhill, Volunteer Coordinator 247-0396

The babies are looking great and getting bigger each day, Rwy #1-84 per lb. Rwy #2-89 per lb. Rwy #3 139 per lb. they're still about 2 weeks behind because of the cold winter temperatures, but they are eating great and catching up.

Okay, I must do the proud mommy thingy really quick, the Gold Beach High School Golf Team, which my son Chance is a member of qualified to compete at state, the first time in 6 years. The team leader Brennen Eilek is also a CAF volunteer, Good Luck Boys!! We're Proud of You!!

June is going to be a busy month starting with Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup> the Libby Pond Kid's Fishing Derby. I'll be calling for volunteers but we start setting up at 7:30AM and register all the kids, then we relax in the sun till the whistle blows at noon, so bring your lawn chairs and sunscreen. Volunteers are needed to register kids, measure fish, teach kids to cast & fish, cook hot dogs and to help clean-up. If you'd like to help give me a call or just show up at Libby Pond, located about 8 miles upriver on the North Bank Rd, right across the river from Huntley Park.

The fin clipping trailer will arrive June 23<sup>rd</sup> and we will start clipping on the 24<sup>th</sup>. For those who are not familiar with the clipping routine, the Crowder's start around 7AM, crowding and bucketing fish into the clipping trailer. The Clippers start at 8AM-12, they clip fins for 4 hours with a break, 12-1PM we serve everybody lunch, second shift clips from 1-5PM. It takes about 4 days to clip all 3 raceways, so I'll be calling looking for crowdors, clippers and cookers. If anyone has any questions please give me a call 541 247-0396 or 541 425-0396.

We now have 5 automatic feeders set-up on each raceway, so daily feeders need to take the temperature at the bottom of Rwy #1, feed AM handfeed, fill auto feeders, clean screens, net and log morts in all raceways, then clean walls and vacuum assigned raceway. Check the monthly calendar on wall for assigned raceway and once again if you have any problems or questions or when you're done feeding call me, please.

Oh my, I just realized we'll be putting up the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks stand the same time we are

fin-clipping, and we have also been asked to host a booth at the Chamber's 4<sup>th</sup> of July Party at the Port! Busy, busy, we don't want to bite off more than we can chew, so I'll take one day at a time! I can feel my blonde moments happening already, did I mention that I started working at the Smoke Hut too! I work weekends, so stop by and say Hello, it's the small shack by Woof's Dog Bakery.

One more big THANK YOU to Everyone who helped out at Arizona Beach Reel Days teaching 3<sup>rd</sup> graders how to fish and cleaning fish. The last day we had about 63 kids from Brookings and they caught 111 fish in about 2 ½ hours, it was a Great Day!! Till next year Hope to be seeing you all around the hatchery very soon.

## **Remembrances of Friends Past**

### **Herman Neuhaus**

Glenn Kral shares 3 distinct moments from Herman:

1. We were working at the hatchery and I changed the blade in a razorknife. Herman said that he always sharpened new blades, because they weren't all that sharp from the manufacturer.
2. When Darlene died, he told me that she was 16 and he was 19 when they married. He said everybody said the marriage wouldn't last. He said, "They were right, she's gone 51 yrs. later."
3. One day Herman and his brother started tinkering with an old handcrank Model A behind the barn. They got the engine loosened up and turning and excitedly told their mother what they'd done. When they came home from school the next day, a guy was loading the old car on a tow truck. They asked their mother why she was getting rid of it, when they were so close to having it run again. That's when he found out that his father had died from being hit in the head from the kickback of the handcrank and his mother hated the car.

*Submitted by Glenn Kral*

"I fished a lot with Herman beginning in 1988. We have had our weekly Wednesday fish feeding schedule for years. Now I miss Herman and think of him every Wednesday."

*Submitted by Gary Harmon*

### **Mike Kopec**

"If not for the perseverance of Mike and Sue, CAF might not be a 501c3."

*Submitted by Glenn Kral*

"I remember when Mike told me about the Safety Committee Meetings."

*Submitted by Nancy Howe*

"Mike took me under his wing as a new CAF member. We quickly became friends and shared a fishing trip on the Sixes where we both caught our limit. We had plans to go to Mexico for a 2 week fishing trip. Mike will be missed."

*Submitted by Harry Carlson*

Hassie shares several memories of Mike:

1. My first memory is getting talked into becoming treasurer of CAF. Mike and Susan took me out to lunch to whet my appetite.
2. I remember the day when Mike taught me the names of all the rocks I had found on the beach near my house. He was even willing to polish them, but at that time, I didn't have enough rocks to fill the tumbler.
3. I also remember the helpful emails he sent on occasion, such as:

### **DO YOU ABOUT #77**

*I didn't know about the red light on cars, I hope you do...SCK...*

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*It was about 1:00 pm in the afternoon, and a gal was driving to visit a friend when an UNMARKED police car pulled up behind her and put his lights on.*

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*So the gal promptly called #77 on her cell phone to tell the police dispatcher that she would not pull over right away. She proceeded to tell the*



dispatcher that there was an unmarked police car with a flashing red light on his rooftop behind her..... The dispatcher checked to see if there were police cars where she was and there weren't, he told her to keep driving, remain calm and that he had back up already on the way.

Ten minutes later 4 cop cars surrounded her and the unmarked car behind her. One policeman went to her side and the others surrounded the car behind. They pulled the guy from the car and tackled him to the ground. The man was a convicted rapist and wanted for other crimes.

*I never knew about the #77 Cell Phone Feature, but especially for a woman alone in a car, you should not pull over for an unmarked car. Put on your hazard lights & call #77*

*Submitted by Hassie Taylor*

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Submitted by Hassie Taylor

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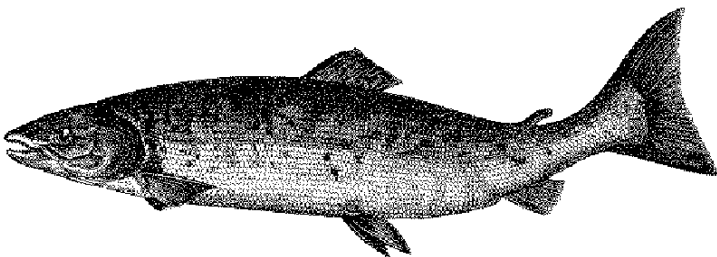
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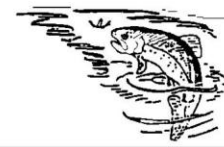
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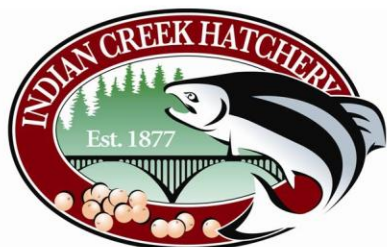
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