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## **President's Corner**

By David Sophusson

Wow, never a dull moment for the hatchery or the volunteers! We no sooner get our 4<sup>th</sup> of July fundraiser out of the way when we find out that we could make some good money for the hatchery by working at the Bi-Mart country music festival at Cape Blanco. Not only did we fulfill our original obligation for the festival, we also stepped up and put on a great pancake breakfast with less than 36 hours' notice! I'm proud to say that with a lot of help from many people, we pulled it off. As for the hatchery, John Epps has been working on and has received a grant for intake screens for our emergency pumps that will put us in compliance with state regulations. Now that I have brought up the subject of screens, two days before the release of raceway number one, the screen at the back end of the raceway failed and a couple thousand of our little darlings decided not to wait for transport by truck to the Rogue River but go down Indian Creek on their own. Can you believe that, not even a thank you for their food and lodging? Now that hurts!

We want to thank to Middle Rogue Steelheaders for their donation of funds we will be replacing all of the screens in all of the raceways; this sheriff ain't going to give no early release again!

## **Members and Sponsors:**

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## **CAF General Meeting**

Aug. 14, 2014

**David Sophusson**, president, called the meeting to order at 10:00am. David welcomed everyone to Mangia Buff and thanked owner Kevin Buffington for again offering to host the CAF monthly meeting. We gave a round of applause to our youngest waitress for the morning, Abigail Buffington.

**Minutes-** The minutes for the June and July meetings were approved as published in the August issue of *The Riffle*.

**Treasurer's report-** Barbara Jorge reported the May monthly gain of \$3,555.75, which was high due to the transferring of funds between accounts in anticipation of expenses for the Bi-Mart Country Music Festival. The final profit for fireworks was \$1,876.29.

**ODFW-** John Weber was disappointed that so many fish were lost from raceway #1 before the release due to a hole in the containment screen. It's very likely that most of the fish went into Indian Creek and had a chance to get to the river. A recent donation from the Middle Rogue Steelheaders will be used to update and replace screens. The remainder of the fish (both raceways) will be released on Aug. 25<sup>th</sup> in order to avoid the scheduled cormorant sampling.

**Bi-Mart Music Festival-** CAF's very plum assignment of VIP Hospitality went really well and the volunteers enjoyed the up close seating. A last minute offer (Tues. evening!) for CAF to conduct the daily breakfast had a core group of volunteers scrambling to put everything in place. With assurances by Becky Sophusson that she could get the job accomplished, the board gave approval for Becky to accept the challenge. An amazing effort by CAF volunteers and fantastic cooperation from Freeman Marine, Shane's Welding, the Port Orford Fire Dept. and David Brock-Smith resulted in a very successful breakfast and glowing compliments (with some VIP passes) from the event organizers. The financial results from the event may not be known for 6 weeks, but our exhausted volunteers were enthusiastic about participating in next year's concert.

**Salmon Derby-** Harry Carlson reported that plans, sponsors, prizes and donations are on track. Harry's working closely with Jim Carey from The Rogue Outdoor Store and will be

coordinating volunteers with Chris Underhill. Glenn will check with Jim Gardener about access to Mike Kopec's computer for CAF information and access to Mike's house for prize donations that weren't used at last year's derby.

**Also-** Jim Freedman will make arrangements with Sunset Family Pizza for CAF to be on the list of organizations sponsoring a pizza fundraiser night. Jim has attached a vacuum cover removal fixture to the raceway by each pump. The Beer Festival organizers are seeking volunteers to pour/serve beer.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00am  
Submitted by Glenn Kral, CAF Secretary

## **Fund Raising Event at Cape Blanco Music Festival 2014**

Submitted by Becky Sophusson

CAF had volunteered to work the hospitality tents at the music festival. At the last minute we were asked to also take over the pancake breakfast. It was an incredible undertaking for CAF volunteers. Our volunteers went far above and beyond. Many of our volunteers worked 16 to 18 hour days. They were simply amazing!! We want to thank the following volunteers: Mike Ananos, John Chaffin, Brandon Caldwell, Sue Cruckshank, Pam Dickson, Phil Dickson, Aaron Duncan, Mary Duncan, Megan Feder, Bill Fetzer, Carol Fetzer, Christine Hadley, Byron Hills, Nancy Howe, Barbara Huff, Barbara Jorge, Fred Notestein, Leann O'Neil, Dean Pollen, Steve Pomerleau, Jack Sheehan, David Brock Smith, Dean Stanley, Kelly Stanley, Shelley Stanley, Hassie Taylor, Bob Tindill, Mary Tindill, Drusilla Tostenson, Tom Tostenson, Randy Waters, Don Wood and Kathy Wood. We are awaiting the financial outcome from all of this hard work. I will update you on the outcome when information is received. Thank you and I hope you will consider volunteering again in next year's fundraiser.

# **The 2014 Cape Blanco Music Festival Fund Raiser**

Submitted by Phillip Dickson

CAF has been on point for months to serve in the hospitality suites on each side of the main stage and center stage while surrounded by thousands of music fans. The festival promoter, Bi-Mart, had another organization on point to cook breakfast for hundreds each day. The other organization had an unforeseen conflict and had to cancel cooking. Bi-Mart called Curry County asking if they knew of any group that could fill this giant need with less than 41 hours until the first pancake had to be served. Curry County contacted CAF and asked if we were able to take on this huge challenge, and take it on we did.

I am proud to announce that with the help of many friends from all over Curry County we were able to save the day with the Cape Blanco Music festival. At the last minute CAF was asked to step up and spearhead cooking the breakfast for thousands of campers. With less than 24 hours' notice, over a hundred volunteers came together and we were able to source all food, provide all cooking implements including power, and serve hundreds of campers each morning.

We want to thank local business for dropping what they were doing to build us grill tops capable of cooking with propane. Thanks goes out to Freeman Marine and Shane's Welding in Gold Beach. Thanks to Commissioner David Smith for the use of his restaurant, and thanks to the volunteers who brought in their personal generators to make all things electric work. We had over 24 volunteers each day cooking, prepping, cleaning, and serving, some volunteers driving over 60 miles each way from their home. We also want to thank The Port Orford Fire Department for letting us use their grill.

Thanks to Brooking Masons Sidney Croft Lodge and Port Orford Masons Lodge 170 for working and donating cooking equipment. We want to thank the Brookings Shrine Club for sending one of the fastest pancake flippers in the land. A big thanks to South Coast Fisherman for providing hard-working volunteers.



*Cape Blanco Music Festival crowd*

## **Hatchery Happenings**

Submitted by:

Chris Underhill, Volunteer Coordinator 247-0396

I'll start by apologizing; I've been kind of dropping the ball the last couple of months. Between my dad and work, I've been distracted. I'd like to thank everyone for your thoughts and prayers with my dad's passing. They were greatly appreciated.

We release Rwy #1 the beginning of August, but we had a little hitch. The day before release the oxygen alarms went off so Gary went to check things out and he discovered, we had a hole in the end screen and about 2,500 fish had escaped out the back drain. The reason it was noticed was because about 500 of those babies were sucked into the pump and had plugged up the oxygen Redd Boxes, so the raceways were not getting oxygen. Gary unplugged everything, covered the back drain, and got everything working properly again. Then the fish were released a day later. While all this was going on more volunteers, headed up by Becky and David Sophusson, were at the Cape Blanco Music Festival making one hell of a showing, and working hard, representing CAF, cooking pancakes, and handling VIP areas. We have such an awesome group of volunteers!

We released Rwy #2 and #3 on Aug. 25<sup>th</sup>, so all our babies are out in the estuary now, and beginning their journey out to the ocean. Safe travel and we look forward to seeing you return in 3 to 5 years!



We have our Rogue River CAF Salmon Derby starting Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup> to the 7<sup>th</sup>, you can enter the derby for \$25.00 at the Rogue Outdoor Store. This derby was Mike Kopec's baby in the past years, so show your love for Mr. Kopec, and go enter the derby, even if you don't fish, we miss you Mike!! We currently have Mike's ashes, so he will be attending the derby too!! Come visit Mike and have a drink with him, I know my hubby does daily!! We have a change this year, we will have the derby awards party and get together on Sunday, Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>, at the fairgrounds in the smaller building next to the Docia Sweet, look for the CAF signs. Doors will open with food vendors available around 4pm so you can check out the Raffle boards and Silent Auction items, but the real party won't start until around 5:30 on Sunday. Food and drinks will be available, so bring your wallets and we hope to see you. Come join the party and show your support for Curry Anadromous Fishermen!

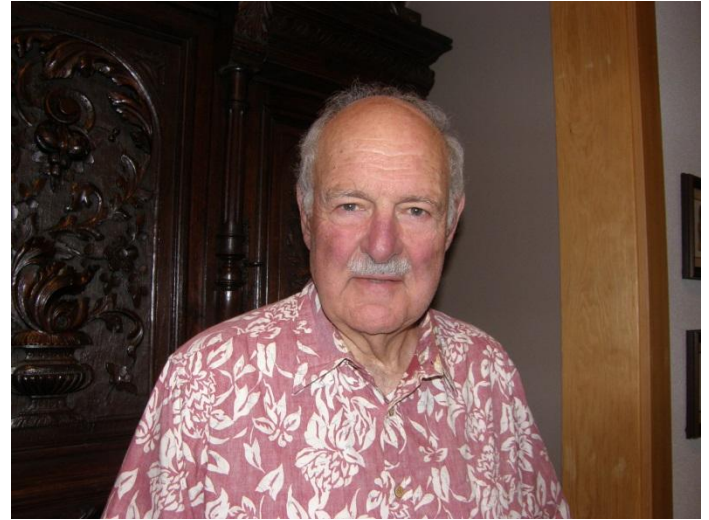
We should have the rest of Sept. off to catch our breath and prepare for the next coming season, starting with collecting broodstock at Huntley Park Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>. Then we start all over again.

Thank you Harry Carlson for stepping up in Mike Kopec's passing. Harry is working at making the Rogue River CAF Salmon Derby bigger and better. Mike would really be proud of you, Harry! Happy September and hope to see you at the Derby!

## **Volunteer of the Month Profile**

### **Chuck Dwyer**

Interview by Hassie Taylor



*Picture submitted by Chuck Dwyer*

Chuck was born in Fort Bliss, Texas into a military family of five boys. As is normal in the Army, his parents traveled quite a bit. That must have wet Chuck's appetite for travel. He spent a year in Panama and three years in Germany while growing up and worked for a year in Belgium as an engineer. After graduating high school in Kansas and then graduating from West Point as did his father and one of his brothers, Chuck went to work for the Army Corps of Engineers assigned to the 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division in the state of Hawaii. There he wanted to get to know his mother's family, since his mother was the youngest of ten and was born in Hawaii.

Once out of the Army, Chuck worked for IBM from 1964-1971 as a mechanical engineer designing test equipment for disk drives. He was then offered a job at the Western Development Laboratories Division of Ford Aerospace conducting tests on satellites and teaming to launch an answer to Russia's Sputnik. In 1999, he retired from Lockheed Martin (they bought out Ford Aerospace).

During retirement, Chuck and his wife, Sandy, travel the world having explored most of Western Europe, the Baltic, the Mediterranean, a train adventure through the Northern Coast of Spain, Copper Canyon in Mexico, as well as extensive car journeys throughout the US and Canada. They are now making plans to visit Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey.



*Chuck & Sandy Photosubmitted by Chuck Dwyer*

Chuck and Sandy came to Ophir in 2002, where they built a house. They decided on the Gold Beach area because of its climate and proximity to the ocean.

Chuck volunteers for the hatchery and is active in the monthly feeding routine of our salmon. Chuck and Sandy also volunteer for the Food Bank. They have made many wonderful friends since moving to Oregon and have no regrets about their decision to move to Gold Beach.

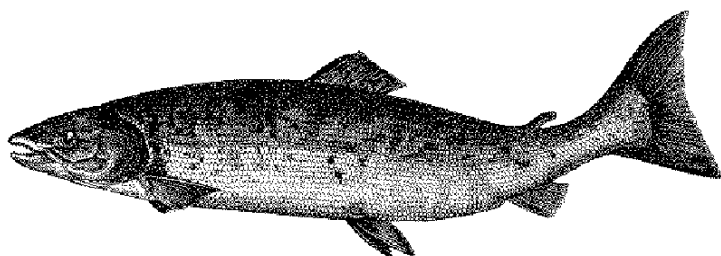
## **CAF welcomes Assistant Editor**

Hassie extends a special thank you to Elizabeth Watson who has agreed to fill my shoes in the event of absence. THANK YOU!

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## **Quote of the Month**

Submitted by Jack Sheehen

“The road of life has no roadblocks, only detours.”

## **Sponsor's Corner**

Submitted by Hassie Taylor

Kevin Buffington, owner of **Mangia Buff** restaurant, located in the Rush Building at 29692 Ellensburg Ave. across from Gold Beach Books, opened his restaurant in February of 2013. There is plenty of parking in the back of the Rush Building. Kevin was inspired to become a restaurateur by his grandmother and now fulfilling his dream.

**Mangia Buff** offers fine Italian dining with home-made dishes prepared fresh daily. The restaurant offers a full bar with a selection of over 300 wines and local brew. The patrons will enjoy live music on Wednesdays and Fridays. Wednesdays is also family night – an all you can eat pasta with bread and salad included for \$10.00.

At **Mangia Buff** you can find T-shirts, sweatshirts and hats for sale which include Kevin's mantra, “Get sauced and eat naked.”

**Mangia Buff** translates to “Eat Naked.”

If you are planning a party, wedding or event that you wish to have catered, do give Kevin a call at 541-247-4606. Kevin will gladly cater your event.

Kevin is happy to support CAF as he believes we are “good people who serve a good cause.” Join us for breakfast on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 9:00 AM at the CAF General Meeting.



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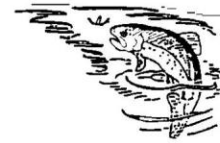
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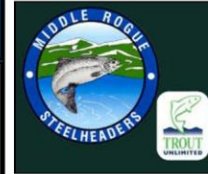
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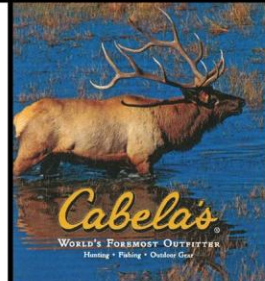
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