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

Next GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, April 11, 2013 – 10:00AM
JOT'S Resort (West Conf. Rm.)

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STEP conference: April 6th & 7th

Arizona Reel Days: April 17-18 & 25th-26th

Fin Clipping – end of May

Libby Pond Derby – June 1st

Hospice & CAF hold a fish feed – July 6th

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"News and Events" - Keep up to date on the latest happenings at the hatchery. Go to
www.rogueriversalmon.org

Missed the Movie?

At our last general meeting we enjoyed the documentary "River of the Rogues" produced by Oregon Public Broadcasting, which was shown on TV in February on the OR Field Guide program giving an excellent history of the Rogue River.

If you wish to purchase a copy of this documentary for a nominal cost, see Jayson LeFever at Finish Line. 541-247-8434

President's Corner

By David Sophusson

With the help of many volunteers under the guidance of Gary and Chris Underhill, things at the hatchery are going very well. Most of the minor maintenance issues have been dealt with and as long as Mother Nature behaves herself and doesn't try to flood us out in the next month or two, I think we are in pretty good shape. Our grant for replacing the raceway decking was approved but there is still some work to be done to meet the new requirements set by the R&E folks. For those of you who missed the March general meeting, shame on you. You missed a great movie and popcorn meeting. Hassie Taylor managed to get a copy of the PBS program on the history of the Rogue River with a very short segment about our hatchery. The half hour program was very interesting to watch. I would like to give a long overdue Thank You to Jot's Resort for their support of the hatchery by allowing us to use their meeting room each month; it is greatly appreciated.

Fin clipping begins in May. I would suggest that all of you who are going to participate again to start exercising those nimble fingers into shape - in Ice Water! Thanks everyone!

CAF General Meeting

March 14, 2013

David Sophusson, president, called the meeting to order at 10:15am. The minutes of last month's meeting were approved as printed in *The Riffle*.

Treasurer's report- Barbara Jorge reported a Feb. gain of \$646.13 and bank balance of \$23,848.95. CAF received a \$1,000 donation from the Middle Rogue Steelheaders, which will be used for feeder belts, larger vacuum filters, argentine and splash protection on the oxygen system.

R&E Grant- The R&E Commission approved the funds for the rebuilding of the raceway deck, but ODFW will not allow work to begin until their engineering department approves construction design. CAF is waiting for the response from the R&E coordinator about how they will fund the stamped drawings and any increased costs for construction.

STAC- Philip Dickson is ready to make the purchase of the surveillance system for the hatchery. The system may be operating by the end of the month.

Fundraisers- The planning is on track to hold a joint salmon dinner fundraiser with Coastal Home Health and Hospice (CH3) on July 6th at Buffington Park. The salmon will be purchased from Fishermen Direct and both groups will have volunteers do the cooking and serving. The derby is still on hold.

Hatchery- Vice president, Gary Underhill, reported that all the fish are in the raceways, they are feeding well, but the automatic feeders aren't being used yet. Volunteers need to follow the vacuuming schedule if the water is clear enough to see the bottom.

Website- Eric Ragsdale, our website manager's phone number is 247-0216. If you have ideas for improvements to our website, please discuss them with Eric.

Miscellaneous- Hassie Taylor was given approval to buy a rubber stamp with the CAF address so she can use less expensive envelopes for sending dues billings. Jim Freedman said the panels for the kiosk are in for printing. Reel Fishing Days will be April 17-18 and 25-26.

SHOWTIME- David and Hassie introduced the OPB special on the history of the Rogue River

from about 1850 to the present. It is very informative and copies of the DVD can be purchased from Jayson at the Finish Line for a nominal copying fee.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15am

Submitted by Glenn Kral, CAF Secretary

Hatchery Happenings

Submitted by Chris Underhill

March showers bring April flowers, or something like that. We've been having some gorgeous weather and I've been taking advantage of it and tending the garden; that's what I call working at the hatchery. It's pretty relaxing around the fish raceways with the water running and sun shining.

The automatic feeders are now being used, three on each raceway. The food is already pre-measured in the closet. Daily feeders will feed the AM Handfeed, fill the auto feeders, check the temperature, pull morts and log info, and clean all 3 raceway screens. Please check the calendar for the assigned raceway. Don't forget to clean the walls and vacuum your assigned raceway. Then write your summary in the notebook and give me a call so I know it's been done. Thanks to all the daily feeders and volunteers who help keep the raceways clean and the fish feed. It's a chore, but a worthwhile project.

Arizona Beach Reel Days are right around the corner, so I'll be calling when we return from Spring Break. AZ Beach is where we teach 3rd graders from the surrounding area to fish. April 17th & 18th will be Riley Creek & Pt. Orford and April 24th & 25th will be Brookings, starting around 8:30 am to 2 pm rain or shine. It's always a great couple of days spent outside fishing with the kids making memories. We'll feed you too! Be brave; we haven't lost any kids or volunteers in the pond yet!

I weighed fish today 3-20 and right now Rwy #1 is at 343 per lb, Rwy #2 - 421 per lb and Rwy #3 - 465 per lb. They seem to be eating well and getting bigger. I trained some new people on doing the PM Handfeed and measuring out the food for the next day, trying to spread the wealth and let everyone help feed the fish.

I have National Resource Day coming up on May 2nd and the 5th graders will be visiting the

hatchery. The clipping trailer will be here around May 21st. Also, Free Fishing Weekend is June 1st & 2nd, so the Libby Pond Fishing Derby will be June 1st.

Don't forget April 6th & 7th for the STEP Conference is Canyonville. Gary and I are going and we hope to see you there!

Volunteer of the Month Profile

Vern Tarwater

Interview by Hassie Taylor

Vern traces his roots to Manteca, CA where his family farmed alfalfa and hay in Modesto. In addition, they also did some dairy farming. Vern remembers those hard-working days when he and his brother were brought into the fields in the early morning. His dad always came out to bring the boys some lunch or a soda while checking up on their progress.

In 1959 Vern joined the Marine Corps and was trained as a helicopter mechanic and served in the Marine Corps until 1962.

A year later, 1963, he and Linda met and married. They will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on April 13th, but they're not letting out their celebration plans, just yet. Congratulations, Vern and Linda!

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Vern worked as an apprentice and then journeyman machinist in Manteca building and repairing various equipment and machines.

He and Linda settled in Stockton 1986 and built their own home where Vern worked as a maintenance mechanic (millwright) for ten years working paper mills and industrial mills constructing concrete pipes and plastic pipes.

The couple had one daughter who was born while they took a two-year jaunt to Australia. There, Vern found work at a tire factory as a maintenance mechanic. They were in Australia while it actually rained (only happened once in five years in the place they were staying).



*Photo submitted by Vern Tarwater
A 42 lb. Chinook caught on the Rogue*

Vern tells me that the Australian government was giving away twenty acres of farmland to lucky lottery winners. The government then constructed an irrigation system for the land. The aborigines are held on reservations by the Australian government much like our American Indians were confined here in the U.S. Vern shared that the aborigines do not mingle with the tourists.

After considering where they wanted to call home, Vern and Linda returned to Manteca where Vern continued to work as a machinist. Vern was a member of the Stockton Yacht Club for twenty years and served as commodore in 1989.

Scuba diving has been one of Vern's interests. He began by taking lessons in a friend's swimming pool and has traveled to the Caribbean and to Mexico to scuba dive.

The decision was made to semi-retire around 2000. As a recreational fisherman, Vern took his family boating on weekends in his 34-foot troller. He kept himself busy working on home improvement projects for several years.

In 2003 he purchased their home in Gold Beach (sight unseen by Linda) as a second home. Since Vern's mother lives in Brookings and because Gold Beach had plenty of fishing and the quiet life-style that appealed to them, the Gold Beach home soon became the only home. Thus, life unfolded on the beautiful Oregon coast. One day Vern caught an ad in the local paper asking for volunteer help at the hatchery. Needless to say, his talents were right in line with the hatchery's needs. Vern helped fix the pumps and get them primed. These days Vern participates in work parties, helps Gary U. when needed, and helps with fin clipping and spawning. Vern is also involved in the Sea Lion Patrol and enjoys trap shooting on weekends. Still today you can find Vern cutting his own firewood, normally about six cords a year. The key to longevity seems to be to just keep going.

Treasurer's Corner

Submitted by Barbara Jorge,
CAF Treasurer

Treasurer's Report	Jan.	Feb.
Operating Capital	\$23,203	\$23,849
Feb. Income		1,378
Feb. Expenses		732

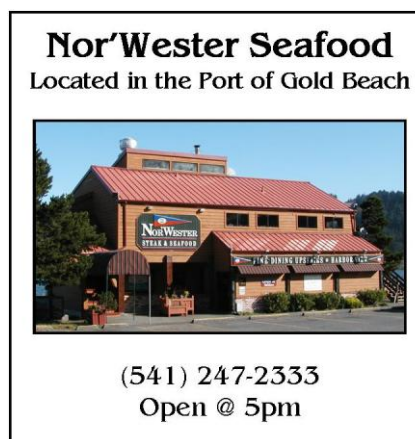
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Submitted by Chris Underhill

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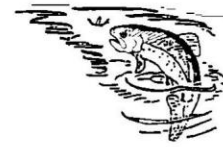


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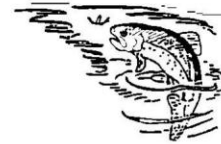
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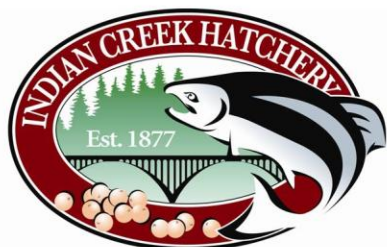
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