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President's Corner

By David Sophusson

Can you believe it? By the time you read this it will be August already. Where does the time go? July 4th is just a vague memory but a good memory. With the exceptional help from our volunteers, our fireworks fund raiser was a great success in that we doubled our profits from last year. Becky and I feel that since the 4th fell on a Thursday, many folks had a four day weekend which gave them a chance to travel here to the coast. I noticed that a great deal of our sales went to families from out of state. We also feel that with the 4th hovering around a weekend for the next few years sales should continue to be profitable. The hatchery is doing well and the fish are doing great, but July didn't go by without its problems. We had a bit of a low water flow issue on the fourth itself and Tom Tostenson was called into action by the alarm company as a first responder. It turned out later that the water flow problem went a bit deeper than first thought, but with the guidance of Gary Underhill, the problem was solved with no harm to the fish. One good thing we learned from this experience is that with our emergency backup systems online we can keep the fish healthy and happy indefinitely even without any water flow from our main water line. So as with most things in life, what appears to be a crisis can also have beneficial side effects. So for now I can only hope that the month of August goes smoothly. The sign on my door is going to say "Gone Fish'in".

CAF General Meeting

July 11, 2013

David Sophusson, president, called the meeting to order at 10:07am. Several groups of boy scouts stopped in Gold Beach on their river trip and volunteered to help at the hatchery. Chris and others had them clean out rocks and debris behind the blocker dam and do some work on the kiosk. They did a fantastic job and were a great help to CAF. A number of tours have been given and CAF has received some very nice donations along with appreciation for the great work we do.

Treasurer's report- Barbara Jorge reported an June loss of \$1,633.13 and bank balance of \$12,055.76. The deck is now completed and our monthly balances should improve.

Fundraisers- The July 6th salmon was cancelled because of the increase in salmon prices. Thanks to Becky Sophusson's guidance, the fireworks booth went smoothly (again) and netted almost double the poor return of last year. Becky will not be in charge next year, so we need to find a new chairperson or, better yet, come up with a different fundraiser. CAF greatly appreciates the time contribution from all the volunteers. We very much appreciate the generosity of Jim Carey for allowing us to operate the booth in the parking lot of The Rogue Outdoor Store.

Hatchery- Vice president, Gary Underhill, reported that a low water alarm was issued on July 4th and the emergency pumps came on as expected. The next day it was discovered that the flow valve at the vault had been closed. An investigation of the circumstance is being conducted. The vault screen is being repaired by Freeman Marine and we need to ask ODFW to approve a backup screen. The spring line has been closed to eliminate debris that has fouled the outlet valves. Gary will post a note to volunteers to clean the oxygen screens.

ODFW- John Weber anticipates a smolt release around the middle of Aug. and a second release at the end of Aug.

BOARD MEMBERS- This is the time for volunteers to consider serving on the board of directors. The board meeting is only about 2hours once a month and a diversity of ideas and backgrounds are extremely important to keep our organization running smoothly.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:04am
Submitted by Glenn Kral, CAF Secretary

Hatchery Happenings

Submitted by Chris Underhill,
CAF Volunteer Coordinator 541-247-0396

If you haven't been to hatchery lately, your missing out - The hatchery is looking great and the salmon smolt in all 3 raceways are around 25 fish to the pound, and eating GREAT! I've had some new volunteers helping with the evening feedings; thank you, its nice spreading the wealth and letting everyone enjoy the babies. We'll be releasing all 3 raceway during August, so I'll be calling.

This is going to be a really short report this month, because we have our daughter and her family visiting from Las Vegas right now, and we are heading to Huntley Park to go camping with the grandkids and float down the Rogue from Lobster Bridge for our son Chance's 16th birthday, so.....

The one thing I'd like to tell everyone about this month is Boy Scout Troop 125 out of Redding, California. I received a call in July from their troop leader, who was looking for some community service for there troop to do, while visiting the area, I jumped on that!! They had 28 boys, who had started in Grants Pass, backpacking and canoeing, down the Rogue River. The group was working on their 50 mile trip badge, apparently, they drove over part of Bear Camp Road, then camped at Foster Bar and canoed down to Quisantana, camped there, then down to Lobster Bridge at which time the boys had lunch, and then headed to Indian Creek Hatchery. Half of the boys helped clear the trails, dig holes and put up new the Kiosk across from Indian Creek RV Park and the other half went to the hatchery where they worked on clearing out the rocks from the dam, helped set up the partial blocker dam, cleaned up around the hatchery, cleaned raceways and screens and cut back weeds all the way to the vault! They all did an awesome job, which I rewarded them with brownies. Thank you again to Boy Scout Troop 125 out of Redding, California, we look forward to your return to the Oregon Coast! Rich Watson stopped by and took pictures of the group. The next day they completed their

50 mile trip to the mouth of the Rogue River, and then 28 kids and 10 adults loaded up and headed to Cape Blanco to camp and tour the lighthouse. They were a great group and Thank You to CAF volunteers Gary, Larry, Jim, Chris & Kelly for helping out with the boys! Great Job Everyone, the hatchery looks GREAT!! Till next month!



Boy Scout troop #125 (Redding) helping CAF
Photo submitted by Rich Watson

Zane Grey's Rogue River: Past and Present

Submitted by Nancy Howe

A river seems like a timeless thing but civilization has a way of making itself felt. This is very apparent when you read Zane Grey's *Rogue River Feud*. Grey himself was a lover of the river and had the cabin up the North Bank that was pictured last month in *The Riffle* and was accessible only by boat and afforded him the privacy he craved. During his lifetime, he passed away in 1939, he had great success with his books and was friend to many Hollywood celebrities who were guests at the cottage. The book was written in 1929 and centered on the time right after World War I, so the differences in the river are dramatically clear in his wonderful descriptions of the river. Absent are the Patterson Bridge, the jetties, and certainly no fish hatchery.

Excerpts from Zane Grey's Rogue River Feud

If you are a fisherman or a lover of the river, or, for that matter, a resident of Gold Beach, this book is just about required reading and is available at the Curry County Public Library here in Gold Beach. The action centers mostly in Gold Beach when our heroes are not shooting the rapids from Grants Pass down to the coast, or net fishing the mouth of the river.

CHAPTER ONE

"Deep and dark green, swift and clear, icy cold and as pure as the snows from which it sprang, the river had its source in the mountain under Crater Lake. It was a river at its birth; and it glided away through the Oregon Forest, with hurrying momentum, as if eager to begin the long leap down through the Siskiyou's. The giant firs shaded it; the deer drank from it; the little black-backed trout rose greedily to floating flies. And in sunlit glades where the woods lightened, the wild lilac bloomed in its marvelous profusion of color, white with purple and pink, scenting the warm drowsy air with sweet fragrance."

Grey, Zane, Rogue River Feud, Curtis Publishing Co, 1929, 1930, pg.1. (From a complete set of Zane Grey's novels available at the Curry Public Library).

Number 2: Shooting the Rapids

He describes Gold Beach as a roaring town filled with gold prospectors, Indians and fishermen of every stripe. Saloons are prevalent and with them lots of alcohol and gambling and of course, a fight or two. There was lots of action going on in Gold Beach.

"Then a dull heavy roar of tumbling waters smoked his ears. His hair seems to freeze at the roots and stood up still. From boyhood he had been taught to respect the Rogue. Companions of his youth had defied the river to find watery and unknown graves. The skiff was now in the middle of the stream. The current was quickening; he roar grew clearer Garry turned to whisper: "All we gotta do is hit the middle where she dips." P.25

Volunteer of the Month Profile

Mary Duncan

Interview by Hassie Taylor

Mary was born in Los Angeles, CA and moved to Coburg, OR in 1959. Coburg is the northern gateway to central Lane County amidst the farmland of the beautiful Willamette Valley. There she lived on five acres with fruit and nut trees and farm animals. This farming lifestyle included raising animals for food, canning, making pickles, and much more. She was also involved in horse training and broke horses for a ranch in Coburg as well as giving horseback riding lessons to children.

One of Mary's favorite hobbies is making jewelry. Her interest in jewelry making began in high school. There she learned the lost wax art of jewelry making.

Mary is also skilled in Taekwondo, a martial art originating in Korea that combines combat and self-defense techniques with sport and exercise. She began to study Taekwondo in 1969 and received her black belt in 1971. So, don't mess with Mary! While living in Eugene, she gave classes in this martial art form to police officers over an eight year period. Mary also instructed self-defense classes to trauma victims. After moving to Bend, OR she continued to teach classes in Taekwondo for Cobra System Martial Arts.

Here she was also active in the local farmer's market where she sold eggs, lip balm and trees (interesting combination) at the first farmer's market in Bend. Mary also became involved with the Bend school district and taught tie-dye as part of their extra curriculum program to all the elementary children in the district.

From Bend, she and Aaron, her husband, moved to Gold Beach. (See last month's profile article in the July *Riffle* on Aaron). Her life continues to develop with new work experiences. Here she has worked as a legal assistant for several years and continues to make jewelry. Currently her jewelry is on display at the Wedderburn Store. She likes to collect river rocks to use as the center focal piece for her jewelry.

Mary is also an active volunteer with the fish hatchery. She spends her time feeding in the raceways, helping with fundraisers and special

events, and helping kids fish at Arizona Beach and Libby Pond.

Both are currently getting ready to become fishing instructors for ODFW.



Photo submitted by Mary Duncan



Photo from CAF Shutterfly account

Fishing Quote of the Month

The charm of fishing is that it is the pursuit of what is elusive but attainable, a perpetual series of occasions for hope. ~John Buchan

Treasurer's Corner

Submitted by Barbara Jorge,
CAF Treasurer

Treasurer's Report	May	June
Operating Capital	\$13,689	\$12,056
June Income		8,240
June Expenses		7,875

A special THANKS goes out to Jim Carey for helping make our fireworks fundraiser a success and to Mark Pierson who loaned CAF the trailer for the fireworks.

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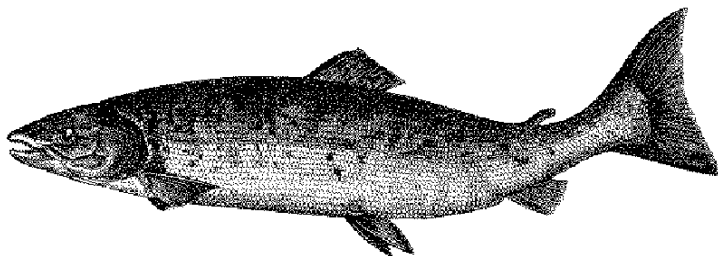
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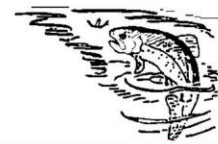
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Letters From Mrs. Hoffman's 3rd & 4th Grade Combination Class

"Thank you for letting us watch and learn how to work in the hatchery. My favorite part was watching the volunteers catching the fish. Thank you for the cookies." By: Faith

"Thank you for letting us come to the hatchery. It was cool. I really, really want to come back. I want that shark egg." By Taylor

"I loved the field trip. Thank you for letting us go on the field trip for free. It was cool that you showed us the shark egg. It stinked! My friends enjoyed it too." By: Owynn

"Thank you for letting us see all fishes. I think you guys are amazing because not many people do that. The thing I don't like was getting the eggs out. I was just not a pretty sight at all. I have a question. What will you do when you get old and tired? Who will take your place? By: Barbara

"Thank you for letting us come to the fish hatchery and see what you do there, and for seeing the fish eggs. I don't like it when you wacked then on the head. I know it doesn't hurt but I still don't like it but it was still very fun." By: Emma

Submitted by Mrs. Hoffman's 3rd & 4th combination class 11/2012
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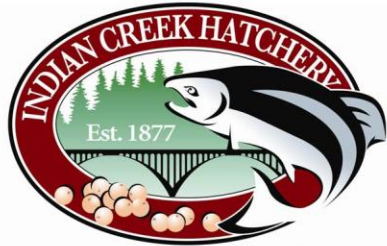
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