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## **Next GENERAL MEETING**

**Thursday, Nov. 14, 2013 – 10:00AM**

**JOT'S Resort (West Conf. Rm.)**

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## **Next BOARD MEETING**

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## **President's Corner**

By David Sophusson

Ah, down time – well, almost. It's that time of year when all the fish have been released, and we are now waiting for the new spawners to arrive and start the cycle all over again. Although we have no fish that require daily attention, we do have repairs and maintenance issues that need to be addressed as always during this time of year. I really feel lucky to be able to work with so many dedicated folks that volunteer their time and labor for this hatchery.

When we released the last of the fish from raceway #3 we had a PBS type film crew come all the way from Germany to record the event. They traveled the Oregon coast to film a one hour document of highlights and things to see and do on the coast for their German audience.

In this issue of *The Riffle* you are going to see something new. In the past a number of our members have expressed a desire to have our December Volunteer Appreciation dinner catered or otherwise served so that we can all enjoy the festivities and not have to do the cooking and cleanup ourselves as it is quite a task for those involved. So this year we are going to give it a try. BJ Jorge, Becky Sophusson, and Hassie Taylor agreed to put their heads together and work out a plan. They did quite well in my opinion and found a doable option for us. But in order for this to work successfully, we need your help. Reservations for this dinner *are required* so you must call Becky @ 541-247-9739 and let her know that you're coming so that we can have an accurate head count for this shindig. So, if I don't see you before, I'll see you at the dinner. Thanks for being such a great group of volunteers.

## CAF General Meeting

Sept. 12, 2013

**David Sophusson**, president, called the meeting to order at 10:10am. The minutes from the August general meeting were approved as printed in *The Riffle*. All the fish have been released and all the activity was documented by a German film crew. There will not be a newsletter for October.

**Treasurer's report-** Barbara Jorge reported an August gain of \$2,656.80 and bank balance of \$25,210.73. A large portion of monthly income was for the derby. Barbara will talk to the post office about a cheaper way to handle returned newsletters.

**Derby-** Chairman, Mike Kopec, reported that there were about as many entrants (76) as last year and he will be reporting an acceptably profitable final accounting. There were only 8 fish caught by derby entrants with the largest fish weighing 25.5 pounds. The first place winner has not yet been contacted. Thanks, Mike, for a successful derby.

**Hatchery-** Vice president, Gary Underhill, reported that the D.O. alarm is not working as planned and will be reconfigured for next year. The larger vacuum filter parts have been received and will be installed for next season. The ends of the raceways (behind the screens) will be vacuumed weekly next year to eliminate buildup. A new floor will be installed in the incubation room. (Secretary's note- Gary's comments are very condensed from the detailed, voluminous, important daily record sheets!)

**ODFW-** Broodstock from the Huntley Park seining program will be brought to the hatchery beginning Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>. Any volunteers are welcome to help out on Mon., Wed. and Fri. mornings at 7am at Huntley Park gravel bar.

**Membership chairperson needed-** Hassie Taylor will explain to her replacement (someone must want this position) all the details of the position.

**BOARD MEMBERS-** The 2014 board candidates will be announced in the Nov. mailing of *The Riffle*.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50am  
Submitted by Glenn Kral, CAF Secretary

## CAF General Meeting

Oct.10, 2013

**David Sophusson**, president, called the meeting to order at 10:02am. The minutes from the September general meeting will be printed in the Nov. issue of *The Riffle*.

**Treasurer's report-** Barbara Jorge reported a Sep. gain of \$6,331.05 and bank balance of \$31,541.78. All of the expenses for the derby haven't been tallied and the first place winner has not yet been paid. The income portion from the derby for Sep. was \$7,108.33! An award of \$1,149 was made to the Watershed Education program from the Dorothy and Eldredge Combs Memorial Fund for children's boots, a professional DO data kit and field guides for riparian studies.

**Derby-** Chairman, Mike Kopec, has identified the first place winner (from Portland) and will be contacting him. The second place winner donated their prize to the hatchery.

**Hatchery-** Vice president, Gary Underhill, has been busy with work parties getting the hatchery cleaned and ready for the new season. There are 14 fish in the brood tank with 8 of those being our returning fish. The fish trap in the ladder is working fine. Water will be run through the raceways before entering the brood tank to filter the water. The incubator room floor will be replaced next week.

**Middle Rogue Steelheaders (MRS)-** This organization from Rogue River has been a staunch supporter of CAF for many years. Doyle Nelson, MRS Treasurer, was given a tour of the hatchery by David Sophusson to learn more about our past usage of their contributions and to offer their continued support of projects that will make our hatchery more successful. David has a proposed project for a winch mechanism over the brood tank that will make it safer and easier to work around the tank during spawning. David took Doyle fishing in appreciation for his group's support, but a simple thank you would have sufficed as they didn't catch a fish.

**Possible Fundraiser-** Philip Dickson presented preliminary details of a possible fundraiser that could be an annual event for many Curry County non-profits. A meeting will be held on Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> for public comment on a proposal to the Board of Commissioners for a permit to hold

a Country Music Festival on the north bank of the Elk River in August, 2014. If the event is approved, many groups could work together to garner funding from a source outside of the county.

**Board Members-** The 2014 board candidates seeking election at the Dec. general election/volunteer appreciation dinner are: John Epps, Jim Freedman, Barbara Jorge, Mike Kopec, Glenn Kral, Jack Sheehan, David Sophusson, Gary Underhill, and Randy Waters. Nominations from the floor will be requested at the meeting. At this time, there are 9 nominations for 9 board positions, so a ballot will not be required. If a ballot is required, there will be space for the write-in nominee(s). Voting will allow one vote per membership.

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

## **CAF VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER**

Where: THE CHOWDER HOUSE  
When: Dec. 14, 2013  
Cocktails: 5:30pm (no host bar)  
Dinner: 6:30pm

### **Make your reservation today!**

Call Becky S. @ 247-9739 and tell her the number of volunteers in your party and any other guests you will be bringing. Also include your choice of entree (prime rib or chicken alfredo). We request that non-volunteers pay the full price of the meal.

CAF donation jars will be set up. Your donations in support of the hatchery and to offset the cost of the meal for volunteers will be greatly appreciated.

Don't be left out. Reservations are **required** for this event. RSVP by Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## **Hatchery Happenings**

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

ODFW started collecting broodstock the 1<sup>st</sup> of October for us, and as of the 17<sup>th</sup> we had around 20 Chinook in the adult holding area. We had a few early salmon in those first rains the beginning of Oct., but they went above the dam. If you take a walk up to the vault, you might see them up there swimming around in the deep pools.

Seining up at Lobster Bridge will start after Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> and when the rain comes, so do the salmon. So it's just a waiting game at this point. Remember we play with fish, rain or shine. I'll be handling food bank fish again this year, so we'll know more when the fish return.

Spawning will start around Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> so get your rain gear and your appetites ready 'cause I'll be calling! I always look for cookers too. If you'd like to donate food during spawning to feed the masses, feel free.

I look forward to this time of year; the storms are a coming. The salmon will return home and the mushrooms pop up everywhere. Good salmon fishing and mushroom hunting to all!

I extend a big THANK YOU to all who helped out and supported the Rogue River Salmon Derby. A good time was had by all, especially me and it was great to see all the volunteers and community support! I hope you all know this wouldn't work without you!

If you feel left out, or I haven't called you lately, please call me at 541 425-0396 or 247-0396. I've been known to misplace numbers or just be blonde, so I'll be talking to you or seeing you all soon!

## **Fishing Quote of the Month**

Fishing is the sport of drowning worms. ~ Author Unknown

## **Volunteer of the Month Profile**

### **Joan Cooper**

*Interview by Hassie Taylor*



Joan was born and raised in the beautiful city of Santa Barbara, CA where she attended school through college finishing at the State University of Santa Barbara with a double major in art and biology. Joan's background is a reflection of her interests today. Her father worked for the forest service and as a game warden. Her grandparents lived in Lompec, CA where many acres of their land were filled with flowers. She sometimes got herself in trouble by picking too many bouquets of flowers from these fields. Joan's mother also loved flowers and from her Joan learned floral design. Around 1935 Joan's father became the caretaker of the San Marcos Trout Club. Here one needed to show their aristocratic lineage to participate. But these were some wonderful years for Joan. Since her father was the caretaker, she was allowed to fish in the private pond and keep her horse, Ranger, on the property. Ranger loved this life too and grew old (32 years) under Joan's great care.

As an adult Joan worked as an X-Ray technologist for Cottage Hospital and Santa Barbara Medical Clinic and Santa Ynez Valley Hospital. By now Joan has had three children, two girls and one boy and her life is about to take a turn. She turns back to her childhood interests of flowers working for the Santa Barbara County Fair and this is when she meets Bob. She and Bob married in 1980 and in 1992 they moved to Nesika Beach, a return to roots of relatives, the McKinez family from Sixes.

Being a volunteer is a big part of Joan's life. She volunteers for the Dept. of Fish and Wildlife and is involved in the seining of the salmon. During spawning season Joan is known as the "whacker." Need I say more? She also enjoys being a ride-along volunteer with Curtis Edwards (biologist) and helps count bears, elk, deer and birds.

She serves as volunteer for the Curry Fair Friends Catering, is vice chair on the Curry County Fair Board, serves as superintendent of the floral building and is involved with the State Fair Foundation which helps to raise funds for college bound students.

We mustn't forget the Innominata Garden Club where she serves as the newly elected president for 2013-2014. This will be Joan's fifth term as the club's president.

So what is Joan's goal? She would like to see the Gold Beach community learn more about horticulture and to bring in more floral designs to the flower show and the county fair. Joan is proud of the garden club's active participation with the community.

## **CAF Welcomes New Members**

Myron & Judy Anderson - Yreka, CA

Ira Powers - Port Orford, OR

Ron Smith - Bend, OR

## **Treasurer's Corner**

Submitted by Barbara Jorge,  
CAF Treasurer

<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	<b>Aug.</b>	<b>Sept.</b>
Operating Capital	\$25,211	\$31,542
Sept. Income		7,643
Sept .Expenses		1,312

## Zane Grey's Rogue River: Past and Present

Submitted by Nancy Howe  
Continuation from last month's article...

### **Number 4: Ecology**

There was also a cannery in what must have been Wedderburn operated by our hero's arch enemy who was determined to corner the market on salmon and prevent the Cutthroat from migrating up the river.

"Well, I've my doubts about the survival of anythin' there's money in. What do men care fer the furture? N ot a damn! Take the case of CA redwood trees, them grad trees – they're bein' cut. Or the Oregon cedars. Thet's a still grander tree, but not as big. An' where are they? Only one stand in the whole world, Kev. Thet's north of here a ways, on the coast. The Japs bought thet stand before the war. An' they cut an they're still cuttin'. I worked there on winter. White cedars, Kev. You should see them trees once before they're gone. If you love trees.  
p. 56.

*To be completed in the December issue with translation to 2013 English.*

**Support those who support the Indian Creek Hatchery.**

### **2013 CAF Board & Officers**

President	David Sophusson
Vice President	Gary Underhill
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Treasurer	Barbara Jorge
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	Randy Waters
	John Weber
O.D.F. W. Biologist	Hassie Taylor
Membership Coordinator	Chris Underhill
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## **Sponsor's Corner**

Submitted by Hassie Taylor

**Jot's Resort** has been around since 1986 providing waterfront lodging, pool facilities, and a fitness room. They also have a tackle and gift shop and they offer guided fishing trips and will help book tour boat trips up the Rogue. Jot's is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. They sell daily fishing licenses and provide fishing advice for free. Jot's also has meeting rooms. CAF has their monthly general meeting there as well. Thank you, Jot's! A local restaurant, The Bridge, is found adjacent to Jot's which is now independently owned.

Owner Sam Waller exclaims, "We feel that the hatchery and CAF are important to the community and the future of fishing on the Rogue River."

Jot's Resort is found at the north end of Gold Beach (94360 Wedderburn Loop) and can be reached at 541-247-6676.

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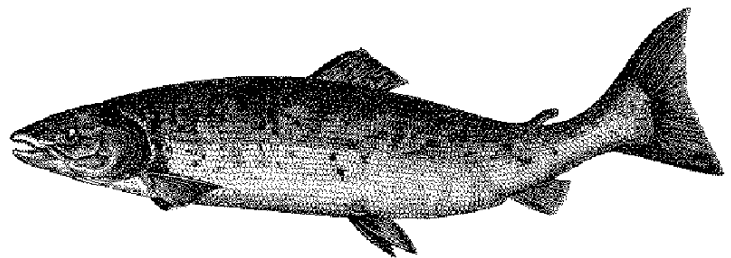


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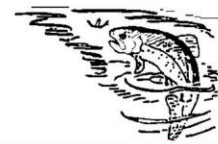
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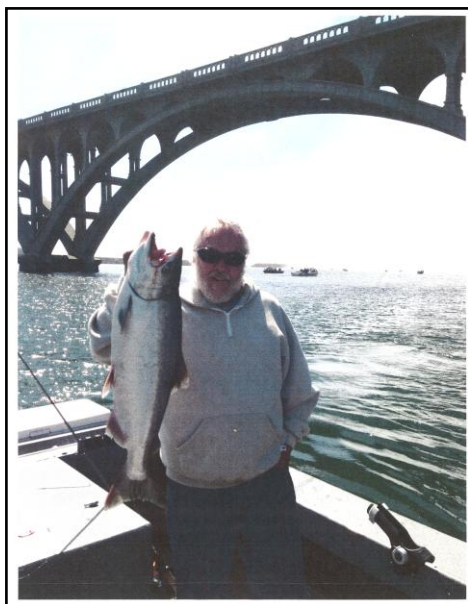
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## SALMON DERBY RESULTS Sept. 2013

Submitted by: Mike Kopec



Ron Samuleson and his 11.2 lb. Blind Bogey winning fish

Although the fishing during the Derby yielded very poor results, the derby profits yielded great results, one of our best results. We had 65 people signed up for fishing producing only 9 fish at weight in. The largest fish was 25.5 lb. caught by Kathy Creighton and the smallest being 5.2lb. caught by Ty Guntle. The Blind Bogey weight was 13.4 lbs. proving what we have always said, "Any fish caught could win the derby." This year was a battle of the jacks.

First place went to Ron Samuleson with a 11.2 lb. fish, followed by Bill Creighton (husband of Kathy) with a 10.2lb. Silver and third place went to Bob Cavette with a 9.5 lb. fish. "Sweet" Helen Burns guided the Creighton's. Bill donated his winnings back to the hatchery. We appreciate his generosity.

Rod and reel combo's, donated by North Country Lures and Flies of Florence OR. were presented to the daily big fish of the day.

Winners included Kathy Creighton ( lb.), perpetual winner Trish Waters (20.5 lb.), Bill Richmond (20.7 lb.) and Ty Guntle (5.2 lb.) Ty is a 10-year-old fishing with his father and brother. I made a big deal of his winning at the banquet and that made his day. Maybe he will be hatchery president in 2025.

Gross revenues were \$10,926, with \$2,202 in expenses, for a net total income of \$8,724. There may be some minor late expenses. The hatchery thanks all the good folks who fished the derby, the local businesses who provided donations to the prize pool and all who attended the award ceremonies and bought raffle tickets to make this one of our most beneficial fundraisers of the year. Until next year!

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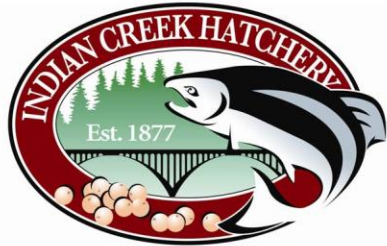
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