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**INDIAN CREEK HATCHERY IS RUN BY
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APPRECIATION DINNER

Saturday, Dec. 14, 2013 – 5:30PM

Chowder House Restaurant

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Thursday, Dec. 5, 2013 – 10:00 AM

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When: Dec. 14, 2013

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Spawning – Nov. 15th & 25th

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President's Corner

By David Sophusson

Is Gold Beach having a drought? Here it is almost mid-November and here at my house we have had less than 1.5 inches of rain in the last month and a half to two months! Indian Creek looks the same as it did in midsummer with very little water flowing down it. From what I've been told this is worst year for returning fish to get up the creek in over the last 15 years. The fish in the bay have been impatiently waiting for the creek to rise so they can get back to the hatchery or farther up the creek to spawn but so far it just isn't happening. Normally at this time we have our full quota of brood stock in the brood tank ready and waiting for spawning but as yet we have about half the stock that we need. ODFW crews along with the help of some of our volunteers have been seining the river desperately to get the needed stock for this year's spawning. Whenever they hear a report that fish are in a certain part of the river they load up their gear and seine for fish the best that they can but so far it has just been marginal. Last night I was told that yesterday they tried again at the mouth of Indian Creek and finally it paid off. We are still a little below our quota but things are looking better thanks to the folks working on these crews. So it looks as though we just might make it and again have another good year at the hatchery. I'm looking forward to getting started raising another batch of healthy smolts and also looking forward to working with all of you great volunteers and hopefully meeting some new ones. Don't forget our volunteer appreciation and board member elections dinner this year will be held at the Chowder House Saturday December 14. If you

haven't already called Becky Sophusson to reserve your spot and tell her your choice of entree then do so as soon as possible as this is a must do for this year's dinner. This should be a lot of fun for everyone. So make sure you call Becky at 541-247-9739.

CAF General Meeting

Nov. 14, 2013

David Sophusson, president, called the meeting to order at 10:10am. The minutes from the September and October general meetings were approved as printed in the Nov. issue of *The Riffle*.

Treasurer's report- Barbara Jorge reported an Oct. gain of \$2,242.11 and a bank balance of \$29,299.67. The 2013 derby profit was \$8,577.

Hatchery- Vice president, Gary Underhill, reported that the floor in the incubator room has been replaced, all the scrap wood from the decking replacement has been burned, the hatchery is ready for spawning next week, the holding tank treatment process has begun, Gary is talking to the high school about having students make a new facility sign and there is a new cover for the freestanding circular tank. There are 110 fish in the holding tank thanks to a successful seining at the mouth of Indian Creek.

ODFW- John Weber has scheduled the first spawning on Mon. the 18th. John explained that the spawning procedure will be different this year to speed up the time involved and lessen the chance of error in the milting process. The quality of the brood stock looks good and the smolt production goal should be met. It's not likely that any excess fish will be of high enough quality to send to the food banks.

Middle Rogue Steelheaders (MRS)- David submitted a \$2,900 proposal for a winch mechanism over the brood tank that will make it safer and easier to work around the tank during spawning. That cost may be more than MRS will accept, so David submitted a second proposal for \$900 to put a non-slip coating on the raceway decking.

Possible Fundraiser- Curry County non-profits will have to submit their interest to participate in the BiMart sponsored Country Music Festival on the north bank of the Elk River in August, 2014,

to the organizers of the event now that the Board of Commissioners has approved the event. Becky Sophusson has offered to be the CAF liaison and submitted forms for both non-profit and vendor categories.

Volunteer Appreciation dinner- *Becky has only received 30 reservations so far and needs to confirm the number of attendees by Nov. 22nd. There will be a sign-up sheet at next week's spawning.* Chris Underhill is organizing prizes for a raffle.

Membership Chairwoman- Barbara Jorge will accept the membership responsibilities, as the position coordinates well with her treasurer duties. Thanks BJ!

Volunteer Coordinator- Chris Underhill reported that 426 people toured the hatchery this year accounting for 82 hrs. of volunteer time. **The total volunteer hours for the year is an amazing 7,697!** Chris will arrange for the school children to be at the hatchery for the second spawning. There will be several new volunteers helping out with spawning this season.

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, 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 Welcomes New Members

Larry & Joli Timm, Gold Beach, OR

Fishing Quote of the Month

Fishing is much more than fish. It is the great occasion when we may return to the fine simplicity of our forefathers. ~ Herbert Hoover

Hatchery Happenings

Submitted by Chris Underhill,

CAF Volunteer Coordinator 541-247-0396

Happy Thanksgiving Everyone!

Well here it is mid-November and no rain yet. We've been seining up at Lobster Bridge since the end of October trying to find broodstock with very little luck. ODFW has been trying hard to find fish, and everyone's been praying for rain. It's been a very unusual Nov. there's been lots of mushroom, but no salmon, at least no salmon up Indian Creek to the hatchery.

Since none of the rainstorms brought enough rain, Weber decided to set some nets on the mouth of Indian Creek. We called in about a dozen volunteers and Weber brought 2 boats. They used 6 volunteers to anchor the net, then Weber herded the salmon into the net with the other boat, and volunteers hand pulled the net. They collected at least 50 nice looking hatchery fish, it was a slow process though, they put a tank in one of the boats and could haul about 15 fish each trip. They hauled the fish to Riverview boat ramp via boat were the ODFW truck was waiting. More volunteers transferred the fish from boat to truck, then to the hatchery, it was fun. Thank you everyone for helping, I know it was a chore, but worth it, to get our broodstock. We will start spawning on Nov. 18th at 10 AM, I plan on making Bean & Ham and Tortilla Soups, so let the spawning begin, I bet it rains on the 18th.

Gary's had a few work parties and thanks to Gary, Pat, Tom, Larry & Dean the hatchery is looking really nice. Pat Kellis fixed the lid covering the circular and Tom with the help of Larry's grandson painted the lid. The same group have been doing the Hydrogen Peroxide Treatments each week.

I totaled up the 2012/2013 spawning season volunteer hours for the hatchery, so they could be submitted to the ODFW office. CAF Volunteers worked a total of 7,697 hours and released about 85,000 salmon smolt and we had 426 people tour Indian Creek Hatchery! I think that deserve a "GOOD JOB EVERYONE"!! Could not be done without you all, Thank you.

Hope everyone's planning on coming to the Christmas Party on Dec. 14th at the Chowder House, I'm excited, I don't have to plan or cook!

yeah! Hope you called Becky Sophusson with your food choice.

Before I forget, the Daily Calendar is starting up again, all that needs to be done at this time is taking the water temp. and making sure all the stacks have a good water flow.

I think that's all I have for now, here's wishing you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!! Hope to see you at the Party!

Zane Grey's Rogue River: Past and Present

Submitted by Nancy Howe

Conclusion from last month's article...

Number 4: Ecology

The nature of the feud on the river was the conflict between the upriver fishermen and the coastal fishermen who fished for the cannery and sold their catches directly there. They used nets that stretched across the river. In an article written by Gold Beach native Frank D. Colvin in 1951 who grew up on the river, "When I was a boy I have seen them haul as many as three thousand salmon at one haul of the seine. I have seen from 200 to 300 boats on the same drift with nets almost across the river. In my opinion that is what ruined the salmon fishing on the Rogue River. The fish just could not get up the river to spawn."

In 1935 nets were outlawed. The End

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, Gold Beach).

Treasurer's Corner

Submitted by Barbara Jorge,
CAF Treasurer

Treasurer's Report	Sept.	Oct.
Operating Capital	\$31,542	\$29,300
Oct. Income		201
Oct. Expenses		2,444

Volunteer of the Month Profile

Philip Dickson

Interview by Hassie Taylor



Philip and his family (wife, Pamela, sons Marshall and Mathew) moved from Fort Worth to Gold Beach four years ago. Phil and Pam celebrated their 20th anniversary of being together and their 16th wedding anniversary this past October. They were seeking better air quality for their son Marshall who was suffering from asthma. They investigated locations across America and Canada searching for several key things, the most important being clean air. This helped them to discover Curry County. Did you know that Curry County has some of the cleanest air in North America? They were also attracted to the area because of moderate temperature fluctuations and not as much rainfall as some cities to the north. Coming from Texas, this was key, as Phil loves his sunshine.

During his teenage summers he drove a hotshot truck delivering products in Texas and surrounding states. Phil has a strong mechanical aptitude (machine shop background while a teen). Philip was awarded an academic scholarship and at the age of eighteen, Phil moved to New York City where he both worked and attended school full time. He was introduced to the Woolworth Corporation while in NY and returned to Texas to become a store manager for a chain they were looking to develop called Footlocker.

After working retail for many years, Philip decided he wanted a career change that would allow for more time off around the holidays. Right about this time the Internet was just rolling out. Philip returned to school to learn how to support and build computer systems. After

graduation, Philip was immediately hired by an English company that specialized in airport and airline computer systems. Ten days later he found himself in London. It was then that his frequent flyer miles started to build up quickly. Philip often traveled to Europe and the Middle East and was gone more than he was home. Constant traveling got old and Pam was ready for Phil to settle down and start a family. He accepted an offer to become the Dean of a well-established computer training school where he supervised a large staff. There he worked in many capacities, teaching, curriculum development, marketing, sales, and programming.

In 2002 he combined his talents in computers and background in trucking and formed his own business, NASCARGO.com. Philip's newly formed corporation applied for and received a federal license as a cargo broker allowing him to ship goods all over the world by Plane, Truck, Train, Steamship, or Flying Saucer. His company moves all types of commercial goods but specialized in high security transport such as loads into and out of Nuclear Fuel & Weapons storage facilities. Due to shaky telecommunications systems in Curry, Philip has not been able to work on these sensitive loads. But with the county soon to be upgraded with a new redundant fiber optic communication line, Phil can once again grow his business to previous levels. In Texas NASCARGO employed a full time staff of 8.

Phil credits volunteering in our community as a way to getting to know great people. He has spent thousands of volunteer hours in several organizations before ever moving to Oregon. He likes to be involved with various projects that are important to him and his family. Phil met John Epps at a pizza fundraiser in 2009 and was quickly lured into CAF. He has served as a CAF board member for two years and supports CAF in the community. He recently fully designed, purchased, and installed the hatchery's video camera system. Phil also oversees our Shutterfly web photo sharing site, and is often seen

photographing hatchery events. In addition to the hatchery, Phil also supports and participates in our local theater serving as the 2013 President of Ellensburg Theater Company. He's part of the team that has been instrumental in

increasing the scholarship funds for our local high school seniors. He also assisted developing a children's summer musical program, as well as involvement in the local school programs such as coaching kids sports and 4-H.

Sponsor's Corner

Submitted by Hassie Taylor

Secret Camp opened in August of 1990 and has been providing a quiet, joyful family oriented experience along the south bank of the Rogue River. Donna and Hal welcome new guests who will be nurtured by the nature that surrounds them. Donna stated that "humans can unwittingly upset the balance of some ecosystems, but we now have the knowledge and resources to help it return to as healthy a state as we can."

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CAF Volunteer Appreciation

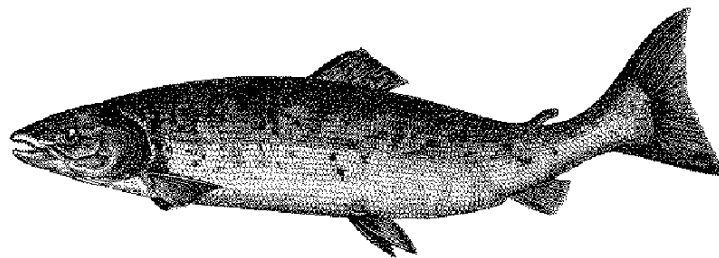
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December 14, 2013

No host bar: 5:30 PM

Dinner: 6:00 PM

This is your chance to meet and enjoy an evening with fellow volunteers.





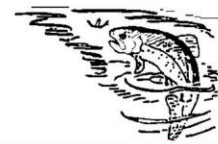
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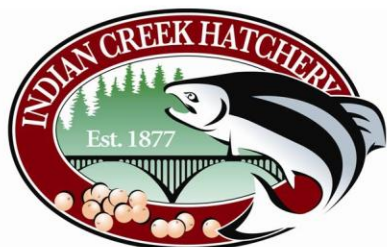
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