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**Next GENERAL MEETING Thursday  
Feb. 9, 2012 – 10:00 AM  
JOT'S Resort (West Conf. Rm.)  
Gold Beach, Oregon**

Our president made some wonderful ham and cheese croissants for the last general meeting. What do you think he will make next month? Please bring a friend. Come; join us for a raffle and an interesting and informative meeting.

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**Next BOARD MEETING Thursday,  
Feb. 2, 2011 – 10:00 AM  
ODFW BUILDING**

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## **Upcoming Events**

**Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> – Fish in raceways**  
**April 18-19<sup>th</sup> & 26-27<sup>th</sup> Arizona Beach,**  
**“Teaching 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders to Fish”**  
**End of May– fin clipping**  
**June 22<sup>nd</sup> or 23<sup>rd</sup> – Open House (potluck)**

## **President's Corner**

David Sophusson

The exciting news for this month is that CAF is one of three nominees for non-profit organization of the year, an award presented annually by the Gold Beach Chamber. Also, CAF members, Gary and Chris Underhill, are up for volunteers of the year! The votes are cast, but the winners haven't yet been announced. Congrats to all!

CAF thanks Mike Kopec for stepping in and taking over the treasurer duties for this year. However, Mike stipulated that it would be for one year only. So, if you or someone you know would like to help us out and volunteer for this position, please give Becky Sophusson a call at 541-247-9739. Becky is our bookkeeper who will be working with the treasurer, and she can answer any questions you may have. It really isn't a difficult job. Thanks everyone for being the great volunteers that you are keeping the hatchery running so smoothly.

## **WANTED**

**Who: CAF Fireworks Organizer**  
to oversee the fireworks stand.

**When: end of June - July 4th**  
(Some ordering, etc. beforehand)

**Why: CAF fundraiser**

Becky and David have handled this for 3 years. It's time to pass the baton.

***Don't delay; call Becky S. today*** at  
541-247-9739 if you would like to learn more.

**UNCLE CAF NEEDS YOU!**

## General Meeting

January 12, 2012

**David Sophusson**, president, called the meeting to order at 10:05am. The minutes of last month's meeting were approved as printed in *The Riffle*. The officers for 2012 are: David Sophusson, president; Gary Underhill, vice president; Mike Kopec, treasurer; Glenn Kral, secretary.

**Treasurer's report-** Hassie Taylor reported a Dec. loss of \$3,781.96 and a year end bank balance of \$23,122.84. Becky Sophusson presented a preliminary 2012 budget at the last board meeting and will work with Mike Kopec to present a 2012 balanced budget for the board's approval in February. Mike will not be on the board next year (2013) and would like to find a replacement treasurer as soon as possible.

**Fundraisers-** We will have 3 major fundraisers (fireworks, derby, pizza) and the BBQ/Open House. Hassie will place an ad in *The Riffle* for a fireworks chairperson. Chris Underhill is looking into an available date in August to reestablish the salmon BBQ dinner. After a date is confirmed, Chris will explore what possible sites could be used. David and Becky have a source for fresh frozen salmon in Washington.

**Hatchery-** Vice president, Gary Underhill, reported that we have about 130,000 eggs after the mortalities. By the end of the month we will have fish food delivery and we will need to prepare Raceway #1. There will be a small work party to remove the blocker dam, clean out the ladder and install the ladder flushing mechanism.

**Chris Underhill-** The "Reel Fishing Days" at Arizona Beach will be April 17/18 & 26/27. The STAC meeting will be in Brookings on June 22/23 at which time our updated propagation plan will be reviewed and the STAC members will visit the hatchery. The volunteer reading/feeding schedule begins now and Chris will see if it can be put in *The Riffle* and/or the website.

**Raffle-** Gene Trinkler just keeps raffling off lots of interesting stuff. He would like to have more members attend, but he hasn't thought of how to do that!

The meeting was adjourned at 10:57am  
Submitted by Glenn Kral, CAF Secretary

## Hatchery Happenings

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

Boy, are we having some weird weather this year. As I'm writing it's snowing outside, and I can feel my nose hairs freezing! That's outdoors, not indoors. I know, too much information. We haven't had much to do this month except counting and picking eggs, and we're done with that now and have returned the egg counter. I've got to say, my husband, Gary, did a really good job and adamantly checked, shocked and oversaw all the picking and counting of eggs this year with the help of Vern, Bo, Rich F., Tom, David, Don F., Paul, John M., Gary H., and Herman. Forty-four pair of Chinook salmon was spawned, and we came up with a total of 135,021 good eggs and had around 31,000 mortalities. Everyone deserves a pat on the back for a job well done! The Cedar Fork's Hatchboxes have been prepped by John Wilson, and with the help of Philip Dickson's kids, we are going to be putting the 9,314-eyed eggs from spawning #4 into the hatchboxes. We had three sightings of salmon in the creek at the golf course, so I'm excited and happy with the return. A friendly reminder to all my Daily Feeders: **remember to call me when you're done with your check so we know the daily chores have been done.** At this time all you need to do is check the temperature and log it on all 4 stack top sheets. I expect to put buttoned-up fry into Raceway #1 around Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>. Then the hand feeding will begin. I'll be calling for help with the fish food delivery on Jan. 27<sup>th</sup> and to prepare the raceways and clean up around the hatchery the beginning of February. It's spring-cleaning time.

We have a few things coming up on the calendar such as Reel Days where we teach 3rd graders how to fish at Arizona Beach Pond. The dates are April 18-19<sup>th</sup> for the Pt. Orford and Gold Beach kids and April 26-27<sup>th</sup> for the Brookings kids.

We will be clipping fish at the hatchery the last week of May, and then the first weekend in June is the Libby Pond Fishing Derby. June 22 or 23 we will be having a potluck at the hatchery for the Propagation Review Board. We'll take the opportunity to show them the hatchery and inform them about CAF. Gary and I would like

to thank everyone for the nomination for Volunteers of the Year in Gold Beach. We don't know the results yet, but we consider ourselves winners just having the opportunity to work with each and every one of you because it wouldn't be possible without you all! Thank you again.

## **Treasurer's Corner**

By Hassie Taylor, Treasurer

<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	<b>Nov.</b>	<b>Dec.</b>
Operating Capital	\$26,905	\$23,123
Dec. Income	\$ 1,119	
Dec. Expenses	4,901	

## **Volunteer Profile of the Month:** **Gary Underhill**



Gary was born at 11:47 PM on New Year's Eve, 1956. His dad was thrilled because he was a tax write-off for the whole year. Gary was raised in Las Vegas, Nevada. As a youngster he participated in Boy Scouts and made Eagle Scout. He hiked through the Grand Canyon, not just once, but five times and to the top of Mount Charleston three times.

Gary completed three years of college attending the University of Las Vegas, Boise State College, and the New Mexico Military Institute. After college he started working construction on casino towers. He worked on the Sahara, Mirage, Flamingo, Lady Luck, Harrah's and

other towers. He did vertical concrete or elevator cores.

In 1982 he married and fathered two beautiful daughters who have now given him three grandsons. After his divorce Gary was a single parent for ten years during which time he continued working on high-rise construction projects on the Las Vegas strip.

Gary met Chris in 1996; they were married in 1997 and had their son, Chance. They had decided they didn't want to raise Chance in Las Vegas, so in 2000 Gary, Chris and Chance came to Eugene, Oregon on Amtrak's Starlight Express and explored the Oregon coast. Gary's sister had bought an RV Park in Pt. Orford, so they stayed at Jot's Resort and fell in love with Gold Beach. They returned two months later viewing sixteen properties in two days and found their house the first day; three months later they were moving to Ophir.

One morning, while eating breakfast at Indian Creek Café, Gary picked up a brochure for the hatchery. The next thing they knew, Kathy Moore, then volunteer coordinator, signed them up as CAF volunteers. The first job Gary and Chris did at the hatchery was paint the Adult Holding Tank, and that was the last time it was painted. Next, Gary built the two extremely strong, durable and heavy picnic tables that still reside outside the hatchery. He has also continued to maintain the hatchboxes at Coy Creek to educate the scouts. Five years ago, with the help of the scouts, the hatchboxes were moved to Cedar Forks. Gary continues to stay busy at the hatchery heading up work parties. He maintains the water flow and continually checks and cleans the spring line and vault and oversees the Incubator Room. Gary is currently Vice President of CAF and he works for the Port of Gold Beach building docks during the summers. He has been a member of the Ophir Volunteer Fire Department since 2003 and is currently ranked engineer of the department. He maintains the fire trucks and engineers the water flow during fires.

In addition to all his volunteer work, Gary enjoys hanging out at the Crow's Nest and Rogue River Park; he likes his Budweiser. He also enjoys mushrooming, collecting agates, and playing with his white lab Lilly, the other female in his life.

## Salmon King of Oregon

Robert D. Hume – Part 4 (final)

Reprint – Courtesy of Laurel Gerkman

In Wedderburn, Hume founded another news publication, the *Radium*, in which he published a lengthy, self-indulgent chronicle titled “The Autobiography of a Pygmy Monopolist.” Serialized in twenty chapters, he described his childhood and early life, speculating that these memoirs might allow people to understand his eccentricities.

Over the years Hume bought and bred thoroughbred horses. In 1906 he began to show and race them locally, building the Marchmont Jockey Club, a racetrack, where riders competed for \$1000 purses. Even though he found the pastime unprofitable, it allowed him to play the role of squire.

Later in life, Hume was plagued by health problems, and in 1908, at the peak of his accomplishments, fate took him. On the morning of November 25, 1908, he died from assorted complication. Despite his reputation as an unlovable man, more than three hundred people attended his memorial service. Oregon’s Salmon King was laid to rest on a knoll overlooking the Rogue River.

After his death, Mary Hume sold their Oregon assets and moved to San Francisco. A few years later she moved her husband’s body to a family plot in San Mateo. When she died, she left the remainder of their estate, approximately \$400,000, to charity.

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Submitted by Chris Underhill

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	<input type="checkbox"/> Spawning	<input type="checkbox"/> Manage hatchery supplies
	<input type="checkbox"/> Monitor incubation trays	<input type="checkbox"/> Manage Website activities
	<input type="checkbox"/> Monitor raceways, feed fish, vacuum	<input type="checkbox"/> Help with monthly meeting raffles
	<input type="checkbox"/> Fin clipping	<input type="checkbox"/> Help with fundraiser raffles
	<input type="checkbox"/> Smolt release	<input type="checkbox"/> Work at Fundraisers
		- August Dinner
	<input type="checkbox"/> General work parties	- Fireworks Stand
	<input type="checkbox"/> Help with daily tours May -> August	- Pizza Night
		<input type="checkbox"/> Administrative activities
		- phone calling
		- updating contact lists
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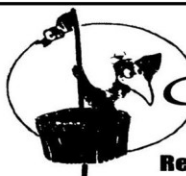


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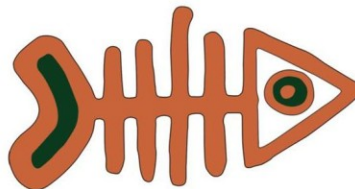
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