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May 29th - June 1st = Fin-Clipping
June 6th = Weed eating help for set up
June 9th = Libby Pond Kid's Fishing Derby
June 23rd = Open House Potluck @ hatchery
June ?- July 4th = Fireworks Stand
Sept 4th - 8th = CAF Salmon Derby

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

President's Corner

David Sophusson

It's that time of year again where things are happening fast in and around the hatchery. By the time you read this all the itty-bitty adipose fins will have been clipped, and I would like to thank everyone involved for again stepping up to the plate getting this very important job done. Coming up next on June 9th is the Libby Pond Free Fishing Day. So watch out because Chris is going to be all over the volunteer list looking for volunteers to burn hot dogs and pass out chips and sodas to the kids. Then next month we will again be running the fireworks booth trying to make a few bucks to pay the bills at the hatchery. Although Becky and I won't be here to oversee the operation, Becky has everything set up to go and has delegated, um, I mean "asked" other volunteers to cover for us while we're gone so things should run smoothly. Although the Fishing Derby isn't until September, Mike Kopec is already hard at getting things lined up. Speaking of Mike, he is planning to be out of the country next year, so we could really use someone to work with him on this project and possibly take over next year's derby. Last, but not least, with Mike dumping us, we are desperately looking for a new treasurer. The job isn't all that hard; I mean, come on, if Mike can do it, anybody can do it (just teasing Mike). Becky does the bookkeeping so what is needed from the treasurer is to make deposits, write checks, pay the bills, and pick up the mail every once in a while. At least that's my story, and I'm sticking to it.

General Meeting

May 10, 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*.

Treasurer's report- Mike Kopec reported a gain of \$1,676.91 for May and a month end bank balance of \$23,261.86. There was a \$1,000 restricted contribution by Cynthia Cooper and David Combs to establish the Dorothy and Eldredge Combs Memorial fund in memory of their parents. There was \$600 contributed by Cynthia and David in memory of their cousin Gary Combs. Before the meeting started, Colleen Combs presented CAF a check of \$100 in memory of her husband, Gary.

Hatchery- Vice president, Gary Underhill, said the raceways are staying clean and the fish are feeding very well. Natural Resource Day was a success with the 5th graders divided into groups that moved between 8 stations along Indian Creek. The DO system is installed. Gary will coordinate with the alarm company when the new water flow monitoring system is installed.

Volunteer Coordinator- Chris Underhill will be setting up a schedule of volunteer fin clippers to work in 4hr shifts. The trailer will be at the hatchery between May 28th and June 4th. Libby Pond Free Fishing Day (FFD) will be on June 9th and Chris will recruit a work party ahead of that date to clear some access areas. Chris is collecting donations of prizes for FFD. The STEP meeting will be in Brookings on the 23rd and the committee will have lunch at the hatchery. Reel Fishing Days was 201 fish successful and Chris was very thankful for all the volunteers. ODFW would like to have more volunteers take the Angler Education Instructor class.

Dorothy and Eldredge Combs Memorial Fund - Cynthia Cooper will be in contact with Glenn about their requirements for distributing the funds. Mrs. Combs intends to contribute a minimum of \$1,000 annually. This will be a great opportunity for CAF to help continue present elementary programs and establish new ones.

Fireworks- The board rejected a request from the Mat Club that CAF not sell fireworks. Becky Sophusson has filed the necessary paperwork. Jim Carey has again offered the Parking lot at the Rogue Outdoor Store for the trailer location.

Becky will be contacting last year's list of volunteers for selling times.

Salmon Derby- Mike Kopec will be the CAF chairman. Mike will find a co-chair to learn the ropes to take over in 2013. Jim Carey will spearhead the planning.

Middle Rogue Steelheaders (MRS)- David S. is submitting a list of hatchery improvements for sponsorship by MRS. They would like to donate \$1,000 for specific projects.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:18am
Submitted by Glenn Kral, CAF Secretary

Hatchery Happenings

Submitted by Chris Underhill

We have a very busy schedule coming up at Indian Creek Hatchery starting with fish clipping from May 29 to June 1, until all the fish are clipped. However, before I get into the to-do list, I'd like to express a SUPER BIG THANK YOU to all of our WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS! You guys are so awesome! I'm especially talking about the Arizona Beach Reel Days April 18, 19, 25 & 26th Volunteers. We had rain pretty much every day; on some days we had small spurts of pounding rain with bits of sunshine. I even tried to bribe Mrs. Hoffman, the Riley Creek 3rd grade teacher, to cancel by offering to feed all the teachers at Riley Creek lunch, but they were all psyched to fish. And so it came to pass that 44 volunteers taught approximately 180 3rd graders from Gold Beach, Brookings, and Pt. Orford to tie knots, cast and how to fish, with many kids catching fish for the first time in their lives. A total of 201 fish were caught and cleaned over the 4 day event, with many kids running around in trash bags to keep dry or at least semi-dry while fishing and planting greenery. The volunteers came prepared in rain gear and boots, and I kept everyone warm with hot drinks and hot soups. Thank you to all of the following volunteers for enduring the rain and being excellent teachers for all the kids - Aaron & Mary Duncan, Tony Hobbs, Bill & Nancy O'Connor, BJ & Randy Waters, Bo Gemeinhardt, Bob Derby, Bruce Bullard, CJ Kemper, Chris & Gary Underhill, Cliff Crinickshank, David Sophusson, Dean Pollen, Deb Wilson, Dixie Boley, Fred Notestine, Gary & Val Early, Gil Davis, Glenn

Kral, Hassie Taylor, Jac Chaille, Jack Sheehan, Jim Antrim, Joe Trott, John Meyer, Ken Gelatt, Ken Range, Mark Hollinger, Mike Kopec, Monty Moncrief, Philip Dickson, Ray Brouette, Rich Floyd, Richard Heap, Rod Black, Rusty White, Thomas Way, Tom Olsen and Tom Tostenson – You all are Great!

Now on to the “To-Do List” I’m scheduling fish clippers for May 29, 30, 31 & June 1. We’ll have the AM shift, 8AM to 12 and the PM shift, 1 to 5PM; we’ll feed the clippers from noon to 1. Call Chris Underhill at 247-0396 or 425-0396 if you’re interested in clipping.

Looking for people to help weed eat Libby Pond on Wed. June 6th at 11AM to cut in some trails to the island and fishing areas around the pond before the fishing derby. We’ll also need volunteers to help with the Libby Pond Kid’s Fishing Derby on June 9th with setting up at 7:30AM and registering kids, measuring fish, cooking and doing derby stuff. If anyone would like to donate prizes or their time, please give me a call.

Next on the list is the CAF Potluck Lunch on Sat. June 23rd for the ODFW Propagation Board. I’ll be calling looking for tasty dishes to dazzle the board so we can continue raising Chinook salmon at Indian Creek Hatchery.

Last on the agenda is the 4th of July Fireworks Stand. Becky and helpers are working on that, and we’ll be setting up by the Rogue Outdoor Store around June 24th. More information will follow.

I’m also suggesting a heads-up to all the Guides and Fishermen in the area. Once again, Curry Anadromous Fishermen (CAF) will be having a CAF Fundraiser Salmon Fishing Derby on the Rogue River Sept. 4th thru 8th. Put the word out and see if we can attract some out-of-towners who’d like to go salmon fishing, then kick back and relax at the Beer & Wine Festival. Sounds like a plan to me!

Thank you and any questions feel free to call, be seeing you!

Chris Underhill, 541 247-0396

Does anyone have a fishing tale? Please submit your story to **The Riffle**.



Photos submitted by Hassie Taylor



Photos from Shutterfly

Volunteer of the Month Profile

Jack Figueiredo

Interview by Hassie Taylor

We wish you a HAPPY 96TH BIRTHDAY!!

Jack was born in Alberta, Canada on June 11, 1916. As a youth caught in the middle of the Great Depression, Jack was a survivor. Jobs were not easy to come by, but Jack persevered. Jack maneuvered his way up and down the Pacific Coast from Canada to Southern California. He planted his foot in many places including Victoria, BC. He worked as an auto mechanic, went prospecting for gold on Vancouver Island and worked for the BC Provincial Police (i.e. our State Police) working guard duty on government buildings to serving as a sea cadet and in 1939 landing a regular police job. In those days a police officer wore many hats such as working as a game warden, doing the job of the DMV before there was a DMV Department, and planting trout. Jack tells me that he would load the trout into 10-gallon milk cans and transport them into the lakes. In 1946 the local police merged with CMMP (Federal) and Jack wasn't very enthusiastic about this. He decided to leave from the force. Around 1947-1948 Jack worked for the Empress Hotel in Victoria, BC and also owned a shoe store.

Now Jack was ready to begin a new career working for Libby McNeal & Libby supervising the food-processing center in Gridley, CA. So Jack was up to his elbows in peaches and pumpkins. After thirty-two years of service, he retired.

Next, for a change of pace, Jack decided to sell real estate for eight years. Then he retired again in 1981.

I had asked Jack which job he found most interesting and he admitted that working for the police department was the most interesting.

Congrats to the Jack F., the Jack-of-all-trades and master of many.

In 1991 the Figueiredos purchased their property and moved to Nesika Beach. Jack and Naomi made frequent trips driving up and down the coast. They fell in love with the area and decided to build their house and settle down. I don't know

how you keep someone like Jack down. Jack and Naomi have been married forty-eight years. They look forward to family visits and a BIG celebration this June. Jack told me he plans on making the Centurion Club in another four years. We, CAF, congratulate you, Jack, the oldest member of our gang.

Jack has offered his time volunteering for many organizations. He was one of the original organizers of the Nesika/Ophir Neighborhood Watch Program. He is also a member of the Moose Lodge, the Masonic Lodge, and has offered his services to CAF for almost two decades. Although his days of participating in CAF work parties is over, he still enjoys feeding the fish with his feeding partner, Rich Watson.



Winter steelhead catch



Photos submitted by Rich Watson

Treasurer's Corner

By Mike Kopec, CAF Treasurer

Treasurer's Report	Mar.	Apr.
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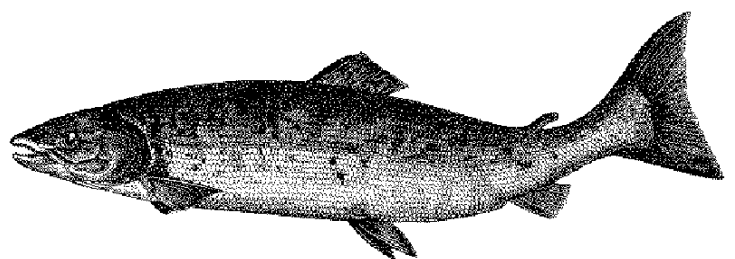
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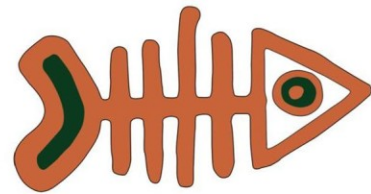
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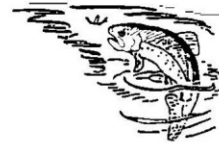
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