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President's Corner

David Sophusson

On vacation!

General Meeting

June 14, 2012

Mike Kopec- called the meeting to order at 10:05am. The minutes of last month's meeting were approved as printed in *The Riffle*. Mike reminded the members that the Salmon Trout Advisory Committee (STAC) will have their meeting in Brookings on the 22nd and will visit the hatchery the next day. Mike explained that the members of the committee are statewide volunteers appointed by the governor. The meeting is open to the public and the Indian Creek Hatchery Propagation Proposal will be discussed at 11:20am. Chris Underhill will make a presentation on behalf of CAF. It would be beneficial to have member representation from CAF. Todd Confer and John Weber will answer committee questions on behalf of our local ODFW, but CAF should also be prepared to answer questions. Saturday at the hatchery, CAF will give the committee a tour and provide a potluck lunch.

Mike read a letter from member and longtime volunteer, Becky Ross, expressing concern from the Brewfest organizers about the conflicting date of the Brewfest and the CAF sponsored Salmon Derby. Mike read information from the current Oregon Stewardship newsletter regarding scholarships and accomplishments.

Treasurer's report- Mike Kopec reported a gain of \$3,333.84 for the month of May and a month end bank balance \$26,595.60. There were

restricted contributions of \$2,000 from David Combs and \$1,000 from Termo Co. to the Dorothy and Eldredge Combs Memorial Fund. The board and treasurer have decided to maintain a separate account for the Combs fund. The board has appointed a committee (John Epps, Jim Freedman, and Glenn Kral) to suggest donations meeting the goals of the Combs fund.

Fireworks- Mike presented the work schedule of volunteers staffing the sales trailer.

Salmon Derby- The major organization for the derby is in place and Mike has a list of volunteer positions required for the CAF portions of the derby. Mike will have all derby information in the next Riffle.

Hatchery- Mike reported that Gary Underhill strained his back at the beginning of fin clipping and 2 great volunteers, Harry Carlson and Patrick Eakles, stepped up to handle Gary's many jobs. Pat was awarded a Rogue River trip courtesy of Jerry's Rogue Jets along with lunch on the trip compliments of The Rogue Outdoor Store.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00am
Submitted by Glenn Kral, CAF Secretary

3rd Annual CAF Salmon Derby Volunteers Needed

Submitted by Mike Kopec

Well, last year at the end of the derby I received and forwarded a lot of complaints from our **Volunteers** about not being asked to help. Well we asked for it and this year I repeated this to Jim Carey and boy did he responded. I now have a list of 26 volunteer positions needed by Jim. One person can handle several positions, and I am covering at least 6. So here goes.

First, I need someone who is willing to be my co-derby chair. This person will learn all the secrets (ha) of running a derby. I am not asking you to run the derby Jim runs derby, just to find out how it is done and could step in if I have a health issue. Between Jim and me, we have most of the things documented.

If any one knows advertising Jim needs help as he is trying to do this himself.

Buck Rosenthal (Woofs) is the raffle chair and needs 8 people to run around town putting up posters and getting donations. Fred Notestine

and I are taking 2 positions but we need new faces, as people tend to hide from us when we walk in. We'd also like one person to help with layout.

Ceremony chair is John Brudnicki (Indian Creek Cafe) and he needs 8 people to help with set up and clean up. I think 4 people who are willing to set up in the AM and clean up in the PM or next day would do. Trucks are needed to pick up and return tables and chairs.

Jeff Ferguson is the ceremony host and we need a Vana White to make him look better.

Jim is in charge of gaming and needs 4 operators. The games will be much like last year. Jim is handling the Internet advertising and if you have a background or knowledge of the net or web page design this is your slot and you could be a big contributor to the success of the derby.

Raffle board needs 2 people to layout and move to businesses around town.

Silent Auction chair is Debbie Collins and Vana could help out here

We need 2 Sheriffs to make sure no one comes into or leave the building with alcohol. We don't want to mess up Dewy Powers (Spinners) alcohol license.

Photographer: One person to photograph and document the derby and one to take shots of the ceremonies. Same person could do both if so inspired.

Well, that's the list so far. I know we forgot someone or did not think of a position. So now is the time to commit and sign up. I will not leave the house with out my sign up list so call or stop me to sign up. Don't make Chris and I call you. If you don't call we will.

This hatchery is all of ours.

Hatchery Happenings

Submitted by Chris Underhill

Wow! This has been one crazy June at Indian Creek Hatchery, my heads a spinning, I hear your thoughts Glen, when isn't my head spinning HA HA. We fin clipped May 29th to June 1st, that's were we clip off the adipose fin, this marks them as a hatchery fish. The adipose fin is the little fin between the dorsal fin and the tail fin, and when the fish is only 4 to 5 inches long, that's a really tiny fin. Thank goodness we get to

put the little fish or fry asleep before we clip them, makes the whole process a whole lot easier

Well it took 59 volunteers, 3 ½ days or 495 man hours, to clip a total of 83,531 Chinook salmon fry. I think that's an awesome display of teamwork, we have a great group of CAF volunteers and Gold Beach volunteers. I recruited a few fishing guides to help, and even met a couple at the Redwood Theatre in Brookings and told them what we do, and they called me to help with extra volunteers from Turtle Rock RV Park where they were all staying. To top it off, Gene Trinkler cooked burgers and hot dogs for lunch, and CAF bought some subs & pizza's and with the help from some great cooks who provided salads & desserts, we fed all the volunteers. Kathy Moore used to always say, "If you work the volunteers, you should feed the volunteers"

I'd like to say THANK YOU to everyone who helped Aaron Duncan, Austin Williams, Becky & David Sophusson, Bill & Carol Fetzer, Bill & Nancy O'Connor, Bo Gemeinhardt, Chery Keyser, Ken White, Chris & Gary Underhill, Cynda Donegan, Dan Benson, Darren & Taylor Bright, Derek Punch, Deb & John Wilson, Dianne McKenzie, Don & Kathy Breitingner, Roger & Jean Stout, Dru & Tom Tostenson, Fred Notestine, Gene Garner, Gene Trinkler, Glen Kral, Harold Helton, Harry Carlson, Hassie Taylor, Helen Burns, Wayne Cornick, Jack Chaille, Jack Sheehan, Jackie Beecher, Jim & Jean McGraw, Jeff Riepe, Jim Freedman, Jim & Judy Wernicke, Joan Goodison, Jock Headlee, John Meyer, Larry Hammer, Mariann & John Epps, Mark Hollinger, Mary Kurz, Mike Kopec, Naomi & Jack Figueiredo, Pat Eakles, Philip Dickson, Rich Floyd, Rod Black and Vern Tarwater, if I missed anyone I'm sorry and thank you.

Did I mention that my husband, who is my main man each morning to set up and crowd fish, pulled a muscle in his back the first hour of the first day, it wasn't pretty, but you volunteers jumped up to the plate and came forward to help, thank you to all, with an extra big Thank You to Pat Eakles and Harry Carlson, who came every morning to setup and get the ball rolling. Have a few 7th graders who wish to help out at the hatchery, Austin Williams & Taylor Bright and they helped clip fish, then showed up bright

and early the last morning and helped Bo do the morning feeding and chores. The boys did a great job and Bo gave them great reviews! We weed whacking at Libby Pond getting ready for the derby, the creek had totally changed, so the meadow by the Rod & Gun Club is now the creek and mushy wet, I thought I'd try and make a path to the island, WRONG, I was knee deep in water and laughing at myself – left that for the kids who really wanted to fish there. Wouldn't you know Austin & Taylor and their brothers were the boys that really wanted to fish the island, they got a little wet, but they are determined boys, when it comes to fishing. Did you know this was the 24th annual Kid's Libby Pond Fishing Derby? Well, it was, and each year it grows larger with a record breaking 113 kids registered for this year's fishing derby. We had 14 volunteers from CAF, ODFW, USFS & OSCF prepared to help and they measured 261 trout and cooked and served 223 hot dogs, great job guys!

The day started bright and early, with excited kids, ready to register and start fishing, and a nice muddy parking lot, it was going to be a day of fun! Once again, we had the Brookings Cub & Boy Scouts fishing and fisherkids from Gold Beach, Brookings, Pt. Orford and even a few from Nampa & Payette, Idaho.

This years derby was a little different because we didn't have any of the larger fish we call Lunkers, they had contracted Copepods, and they attack the gills and eventually suffocate the fish, so, no Lunkers this year.

We had an extremely close derby this year with the Biggest Fish measuring 290 mm going to 11 yr old Devin Wolford from Gold Beach. I've been doing this derby for 12 yrs now, and I remember Devin winning biggest fish when he was 4 yrs old and the fish was as long, as he was tall. Devin won a Lamiglas fishing rod & Jerry's gift cert., all of the winners got fishing rods, ribbons, Sweetbriar's Chocolate Fish and more.

We started with the 0-5 year olds 3rd Place River Harris, 5, Brookings, won Ocean World passes, 2nd Place Jayden Kay, Gold Beach, won Prehistoric Gardens Family Pass and 1st Place went to Raina Harris, 2, Brookings, who won a Gary Combs Memorial Fishing Rod, Curry Fair pass & bracelet & a Cabela's Life Preserver & bag.

Next we had the 6-9 year olds and 3rd Place was Peyton Armentrout, 9, Gold Beach, he won Ocean World passes, 2nd Place went to Tori Sandquist, 8, from Payette, Idaho won West Coast Game Park Passes and 1st Place went to Daniella Marshall, 9, Gold Beach, who received a Gary Combs Memorial Rod, Fair pass & bracelet, and a Super Soaker.

Lastly, we had the 10-14 year olds 3rd Place was Laurie Buehler, 13, Brookings, and 2nd Place Darren Bright, 10, Gold Beach, both won Big 5 gift cert., movie and pool passes, and 1st Place went to Kaidan Murrey, 10, Brookings, who received a Gary Combs Memorial Rod, Fair pass & bracelet, Cabela's Multi Tool Knife & bag and Redwood Movie Pass.

CAF and ODFW would like to show there appreciation to the following business, because this wouldn't happen without your generosity. Thank you to Big 5 Sporting Goods, Bi-Mart, Cabela's, Coming Attractions Theatres INC, DOA Fishing Lures, Leatherman Tool Group INC, Pautzke Bait Co. INC, Pure Fishing, Starbuck's Coffee Company, The Danielson Co., C&G Inc., CAF, City of Crescent City, Fred Endert Municipal Swimming Pool, Corner Drug, Curry County Fair Grounds, Dairy Queen, Fred Meyers, West Coast Game Park Safari, Jerry's Rogue Jets, Langlois Market, McKay's Market, Nesika Market, Prehistoric Gardens, Rachel's Coffee House, Ray's Food Place, Redwood Theatre, Rogue Outdoor Store, Ocean World, OSCF, Sterling Bank, Subway, Sweet Briar Fine Gifts & Candy, Trees of Mystery, Walmart and Colleen Combs, whom in memory of her husband, Gary Combs, donated 4 – 2012 Gary Combs Memorial Fishing Rods who went to all the 1st Place winners.

Gary & I went on vacation after all that, took the family and grandkids to Seaside. What a neat town, they had Hot Wing Soda, Kitty Piddle Soda & Martian Poop. We ate Fried Oreos and Fried Twinkie's, you only do it once, because a second time comes with a tummy ache. Stopped in Newport, and the kids blew there own glass floats, I picked up some floats to place on the beach and hopefully pull in some extra business for the 4th of July stand, if this works you'll hear more about it next month, it's one of my hair brained ideas.

Headed home in time for the ODFW Propagation Proposal Presentation in Brooking,

that's what I'm working on as I write this, and we will have the Potluck BBQ on Saturday. Hope to enjoy some good cooking and good company, as we show off the hatchery to the STAC Gang. Is June over yet, I told you it was crazy- Thank you Mike Kopec, for being the 3 hatted mad hatter at last month general meeting, heard you did a great job. I seen Kopec, Pat, Harry, Fetzner & Dean setting up the 4th of July stand, thank you guys for taking care of business while the Sophusson's are on vacation, and everyone come on down and buy some fireworks! Oh Yeah, Daily Feeders who feed on Wednesday, Friday & Saturday's, don't forget to call the Indian Creek RV Park at 10 AM to see if you have any tours, it's written on the board and the DO meters are working in the raceways, so check DO's and write in book.

Enough rambling from me, thank you all for all you do, it takes a village to run an idiot, or something like that – this village is unique and I feel privileged to be apart of it. You all take care and I'll be seeing you around and call if your feeling left out or if you have any questions. Chris Underhill, CAF Volunteer Coordinator
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Photo submitted by John Epps

Volunteer of the Month Profile

John Epps

I was born in Kirksville, MO in 1937 and raised in Temple City, CA (a suburb of Pasadena and Los Angeles). I graduated Pasadena High School in 1955 and then attended Pasadena City College and Orange Coast College with majors in business administration and engineering. In 1959 Marianne and I married and are still married after fifty-three years. We have two children and four grandchildren. We settled in San Diego in 1961 and lived there until moving to Gold Beach in 2004.

I started my working career in the pharmaceutical industry by working part time as a pharmacy technician while going to school. I've worked in a drug store, wholesale drug distributor, and then as an outside salesman (detail man) for the Stuart Company of Pasadena selling vitamins and then eighteen years for Bristol –Squibb in Orange County and San Diego County as a specialist selling antibiotics and anticancer drugs to hospitals, wholesalers, and pharmacies.

After twenty-five years in the pharmaceutical industry I tired of the large corporate world experience and decided to try something new. So, having been an avid hobbyist with saltwater tropical fish for a number of years, Marianne and I decided to open our own tropical fish store in San Diego. We sold both wholesale and retail. Our store soon became the largest saltwater fish store in San Diego County and one of the top 5 in CA.

Because saltwater fish have special chemistry and tank requirements, I spent many years experimenting with different types of systems to reduce mortality. At that time the standard for all wholesales and retailers was to use individual, each with its own filter, heater, etc. This method is totally unsatisfactory and has now been replaced worldwide with what's called a "Closed Recirculating System." I am proud of the fact that I was one of the first in the nation to design and successfully use this new type of system over thirty-five years ago.

Because of the success with my Closed Recirculating System, I was asked by many other wholesalers and retailers to design similar systems for them and sell them the appropriate equipment. To take advantage of this new "niche" market, I formed a new corporation called Aquanetics Systems, Inc. in San Diego in 1975.

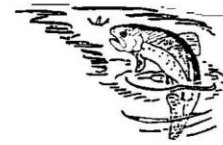
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My hobbies are golf, boating, model railroad design and aquatic system design. I have enjoyed working with CAF because of the people, the challenge and the "fuzzy" feeling I get at release time! Besides, it helps to keep me young and useful.

Treasurer's Corner

By Mike Kopec, CAF Treasurer

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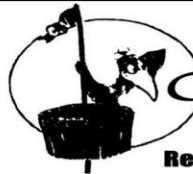


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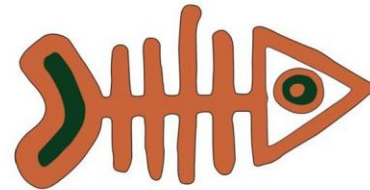
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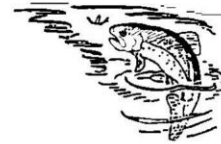


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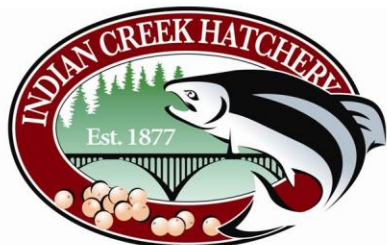
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