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October General Meeting – 10/11/2012

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President's Corner

David Sophusson

By the time you read this, the graduating class of 2012 will have been released and heading out to sea. Today, Aug. 15, 2012 we set up the fish pump and hoses and are ready to transport the fish from raceways #1 and #2 to the river tomorrow morning. As usual at this time of year Indian Creek is very low and the water flow to the hatchery has diminished to the point that it is getting risky to keep the fish in the raceways any longer. But with our oxygen and monitoring system that we now use, we have been able to keep the fish longer at the hatchery than ever before. So now everybody take a second to pat yourselves on the back for a job very well done this season! So now I bet you are all thinking that you get to take a few months off before we start the cycle all over again...WRONG! After the storms we had last winter we have a lot of things that need to be done that we couldn't take the chance of doing with the fish in the raceways. We have valves that need to be repaired, the entire water system needs to be flushed, and we need to repair some of the decking around the raceways, just to mention a few of the things. Oh, and guess what? We have been approved to increase the number of fish next year from 75,000 to 90,000. Maybe I'll have a better chance of catching one in the future! I know how much you all like reading *The Riffle* each month. Having been on vacation and missing my President's Corner two months in a row, I am allowing Hassie, our *Riffle* editor, to go on vacation. That will mean we will skip the October *Riffle* issue next month.

Treasurer's Corner

By Mike Kopec, Treasurer

Treasurer's Report	June	July
Operating Capital	\$21,192	\$21,480
July Income	\$ 4,815	
July Expenses	4,527	

General Meeting – August 9, 2012

President- David Sophusson called the meeting to order at 10:10am. The minutes of last month's meeting were approved as printed in *The Riffle*.

Treasurer's report- Mike Kopec presented the monthly report with a gain of \$287.69 and an end of month balance of \$21,479.78. The final profit for the fireworks sale was \$891.62. A variety of hat styles are available with our new embroidery design.

Salmon Derby- Mike sent out an email detailing the needed volunteers to help with the derby. Jim Carey has placed an ad for the derby in the major northwest fishing magazine and there's an article about fishing the Lower Rogue River in the magazine as well. Mike has gotten some response from Cabela for prizes and Harry Carlson has obtained some donations from vendors in the Sacramento Delta area.

Hatchery- The alarm system now includes the oxygen separator system, head box, and the egg tray stacks. The oxygen monitoring system is ready to be hooked up. Notification, in the event of power failure, will now be immediate. The system is almost foolproof. Gary has been working with John Weber on the design and pricing of a new entrapment device at the entrance to the fish ladder. It's likely that the cost could be funded 20% by CAF and the balance from a STAC mini grant. The first fish release will be on the 16th followed by lunch. A lot of work needs to be done after all the fish are released. The first hatchery started at the present location 135 years ago.

ODFW request- John Weber requested that CAF donate 10 sets of masks and snorkels for use by

children at 4-H camp on Lobster Creek. ODFW staff teaches the campers underwater assessment of fish related ecology. The board approved the donation from the Dorothy and Eldredge Combs Memorial Fund at a cost of approx. \$350.

Miscellaneous- The annual STEP BBQ at Tugman State Park will be on Aug. 18th. BJ Jorge has agreed to run for 2013 election to the board and take over as treasurer. Chris Underhill will handle the transport of edible spawning fish to Fishermen Direct and the food banks. Jim Freedman will coordinate with ODFW for the donation of processed fish to Coastal Home Health and Hospice for a joint volunteer appreciation dinner with CAF. Anyone who conducts a tour is requested to make sure they have the tour people sign the guest book. In Hassie's absence, Mike will make sure *The Riffle* gets to the post office. There will not be a newsletter for October. Hassie has the OK to have more brochures printed. Glenn will send a letter of thanks to Sandy Snow for the donation of some wonderful raffle items.

MOTION- by Mike Kopec, second by Randy Waters, to honor Chris Underhill's request to spend \$125 for the purchase hot soup mixes to be used during the spawning season. The eight board members present approved the request.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:24am
Submitted by Glenn Kral, CAF Secretary

August 16th Fish Release



Our Volunteer Profile of the Month, Jock, worked the release.

Hatchery Happenings

Submitted by: Chris Underhill

The fish are biting in the bay. One of our volunteer's reported catching a hatchery fish in the bay Aug. 13th, so, either some of are babies are returning little early, or someone's lost. We released Raceway #1 and Raceway #2 on Aug. 16th. Both raceways were weighing in at 15 fish to the pound, and looking great. It's time to let them begin their journey. Now 56,000 smolt are on their way to the Pacific Ocean. After hanging out in the estuary for a couple of months, they will migrate out to the ocean, then down to Ft. Bragg and return in 3 to 5 years to Indian Creek. Raceway #3 will be released by the end of August. Gary and I will be in Las Vegas then, but someone will call for Raceway #3 release, and we'll be home in time for the Salmon Derby. Everyone remember the 3rd annual CAF Rogue River Salmon Derby to be held Sept. 4-8, with the banquet being held on Sept. 8th at the Mailboats Boat Barn. If anyone is interested in helping, please contact Mike Kopec at 541 247-0369 or tell Jim Carey at Rogue Outdoor Store you'd like to help and he may have something for you to do. We will not have an October *Riffle*, so I'm going to give everyone a heads up on what coming up. The seining crew is pulling nets every Mon., Wed. and Fri. up at Huntley Park. The crews start at 7 AM and usually finish around 10:30AM Beginning Oct. 1st, any Chinook Salmon they net will be kept for broodstock and transported to the Adult Holding Tank at the hatchery. After Oct. 15th I'll be calling to get some net pullers, and, hopefully, we'll get to collect some more broodstock from up by Lobster Creek. Spawning will begin around Nov. 15th, so everyone get prepared to start all over again. If anyone has any questions, please give me a call at 541 247-0396 or 541 425-0396. See you at the Salmon Derby!

Fishing Quote of the Month

Nothing makes a fish bigger than almost being caught. ~Author Unknown

2012 Smolt Release on Aug. 16th



Jim Freedman turning on the pump



and the babies are making their way into the truck



and the release is "on."



Volunteers enjoying the BBQ with Mike at the grill.

Photos by Hassie Taylor



Photo submitted by Jock Headlee

Volunteer of the Month Profile

Jock Headlee

Interview by Hassie Taylor

Jock began his life on a cattle ranch in Alamosa, CO where he spent his youth near the Rio Grand River. Life was grand. Then his grandfather sold the ranch and Jock relocated to Mont Vista, CO. Life was not so grand.

At fourteen years of age he left home and traveled around the country for a few years ending up in Gold Beach in 1961 and working almost five years for the timber industry. When he left US Plywood due to the slow down, Jock went into the retail grocery business and worked for Drive-In Market in the building that is now Radio Shack & Panther Pizza. He then switched to wholesale and worked for United Grocer's. As produce manager he worked for Mc Kay's Market, which, at that time, was located where Leslie's Interior Cover-ups is now. Then Jock decided to own a few businesses such as beauty shops, a Laundromat, and a building incorporating a flower shop, music store, and garden center.

With a host of jobs here and there, Jock fell into a great opportunity in 1996 when he went to work for ODFW transplanting elk, turkey, and doing deer and fish surveys. He also worked for the Elk River Hatchery helping with spawning and doing surveys. When Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission hired him in 1998, Jock thought he had died and gone to heaven. There he really

found his niche as a Fishery Technician doing biological sampling. Jock's motto is, "If you find a job you love, you'll never work a day in your life." Now Jock is retired, officially since last August. A boating injury had him take early retirement. Today Jock is involved in the World Slam of Wild Turkeys and has traveled many states in his quest to secure the six different species needed to acquire the World Slam title. He hopes to have his World Slam accomplished next year. Now that Jock is retired, he also gives more time to the activities and events at CAF. He has been a member for many years. In addition, Jock is involved in Hunters Education (ODFW), OR Master Hunter, Master Gardener, CSA, Wild Turkey Federation, Duck Unlimited, Oregon Hunter Assoc., NRA, and North American Hunting Club...and so the list continues. In other words, Jock is no coach potato.

Jock is also an avid gardener and basically lives off the land. As he said, "If I don't grow it, catch it, or hunt it, I don't eat." He also enjoys spending time with Patricia, his best friend and partner, and seeing his wonderful children and grandchildren.

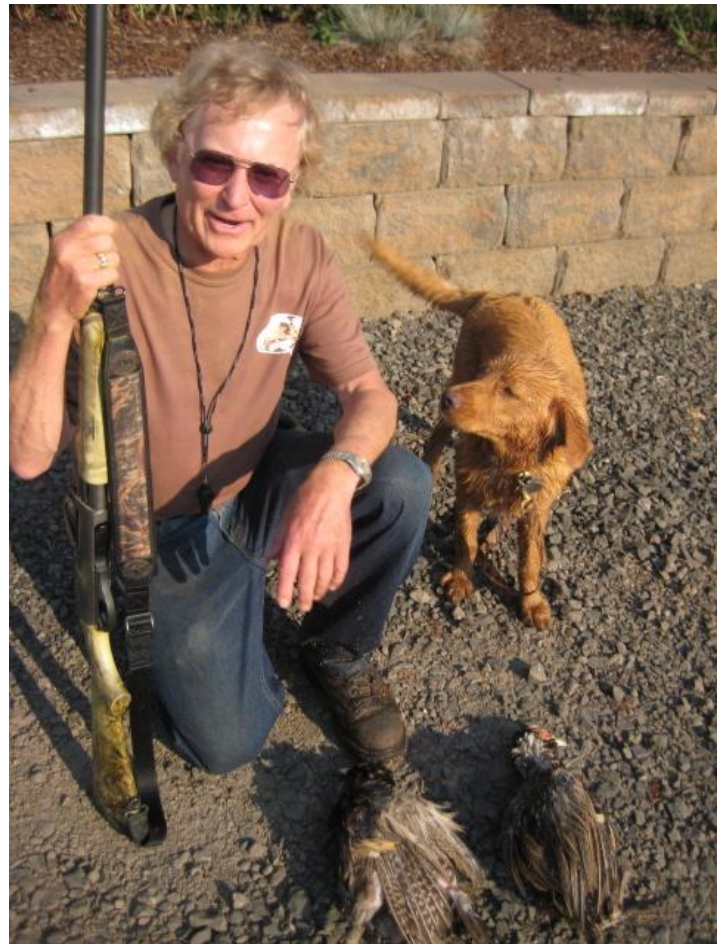


Photo submitted by Jock Headlee

Sponsor's Corner

Submitted by Chris Underhill

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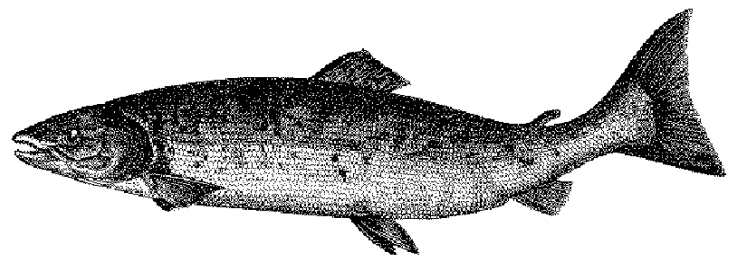
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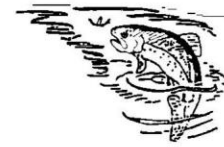
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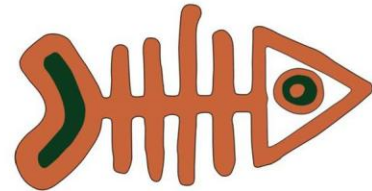
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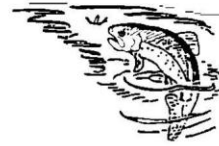
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