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**End of May/beginning June – fin clipping**

**June 11 – Libby Pond**

**End of June – set up booth for fireworks  
stand**

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latest happenings at the hatchery. Go to  
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## **President's Corner**

David Sophusson

It is with a heavy heart that I inform all our members of the passing of our *Riffle* editor, John Lento, on April 16<sup>th</sup>. His death was sudden and unexpected. I'd like to dedicate this issue of *The Riffle* to John. He spent many hours over the past decade editing and putting together our monthly newsletter. He made sure it was ready for print and mailed out on time. His input and dedication to the hatchery will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his wife Sam and their family.

## **Fishing Quote of the Month**

"It has always been my private conviction that any man who pits his intelligence against fish and loses has it coming." John Steinbeck

## **Treasurer's Corner**

By Hassie Taylor, Treasurer

Treasurer's Report	Feb.	Mar
Operating Capital	\$18,723	\$12,047
Mar. Income	\$ 305	
Mar. Expenses	6,981	

## **General Meeting**

April 14, 2011

**President-** David Sophusson called the meeting to order at 10:05 am. The minutes of the last meeting were approved as distributed.

**Treasurer-** Hassie Taylor gave the March financial statement showing a balance of \$12,047; CAF showed an income of \$304.96 and expenses of \$6,980.43 resulting in a loss of \$6,975.47 for the month. Our big expense item this month was the fish pump in the amount of \$6,020.25. Gary will work on getting a receipt for the feeder stands.

**Hatchery –** It was mentioned that Glenn Kral is working on getting the hose ordered which will cost approximately \$630.00. Shipping for the hose should be around the end of May.

The mini-grant for the dip nets was approved for \$1,300 although the actual cost may be around \$1,400. Gary mentioned that the maintenance at the hatchery looks good. There is no built-up of sand in the raceways. The vacuum pumps are working fine. The fish are feeding well although raceway three is feeding about halfway down. The fish are currently a little above last year's weight gain and we have a below average count on morts.

**Volunteer coordinator-** Chris Underhill discussed the Arizona Beach activities set for April. She is still looking for volunteers to help with the kids and the day's activities. Volunteers for Sunday fish feeding are also being sought. Chris also announced that the CAF brochures need updating.

**Miscellaneous-** In addition to updating the brochures, CAF also needs to redesign our page that runs in the "Visitor's Guide" by the end of May. Philip Dickson will work on the updates. It was reported that CAF receives approximately 46,000 hits a month on the *Curry Reporter's* link. The idea of selling tee-shirts on the website was also entertained.

Hassie has agreed to attempt to put out *The Riffle*. Since there are new rules in place for non-profit mailings with the post office and only ¼ of the contents can be devoted to

advertisement, we now need to fill an extra page in *The Riffle*. Hassie is encouraging volunteers to write a little paragraph about themselves; one or two volunteer profiles will be published monthly. CAF is happy that Gene Trinkler has graciously agreed to do the May write-up. The meeting was adjourned at 10:57am

Submitted by Hassie Taylor

## **Second Annual Salmon Derby**

Mark your calendars for the second annual salmon derby to be held September 24<sup>th</sup>. I will be soliciting help from all our volunteers to organize and run the derby. Volunteer responsibilities will include: preparing the set-up, gathering prizes from local merchants (12-15 needed), registering contestants, weighing in fish and recording the weight, selling clothing, helping serve food, and clean-up. So be thinking about how you would like to help CAF. All volunteers will be given a derby tee-shirt.

Last year's derby was a big financial success and this will be one of our major fundraisers for the hatchery. Proceeds go toward everyday expenses of running the hatchery. We will need everyone's help to match last year's results. Once I have tickets printed, I will be asking each of you to contact your fishermen buddies to sell tickets. Anyone who is good friends with a guide, please ask them for a donation. We will be looking for day fishing trips from the guides. Last year's silent auction netted us \$900 on trips from Gene Gardner and Denny Hughson for day trips. If the guides cannot commit that much, then discounts on trips would be greatly appreciated. Perhaps they would tie up some of their favorite spinners for the raffle.

**If our little fry could talk, they would beg for your support.**

If you have any questions or want to volunteer for a specific function, call Mike Kopec

541- 247-0369

## Hatchery Happenings

Everything at the hatchery is looking great! The fish are looking healthy. Bill Fetzer weighed them on the 15th and the results are as follows: Raceway #1 is 123 per lb., Raceway #2 is at 146 per lb., and the babies in Raceway #3 are 176 per lb. We have four automatic feeders on each raceway and are hand-feeding each morning around 9:00 a.m. and every evening around 5:00 p.m. I'm very happy Bill Fetzer is back. He's been sharing the PM feedings and food measuring with me, and he's managing the fish food and keeping track of fish growth. Glad you're back, Bill!

If you are a daily feeder at the hatchery, please try to be there around 9:00 a.m. so that the automatic feeders are done by the time we do the evening hand-feed. You might also notice while hand-feeding that not all the raceways are feeding on the top. Don't panic, keep watching, and you'll see them feeding about half-way down. This is normal because the food is heavier and drops quicker, but it's not as much fun for the feeder who likes to watch them rise to the top to feed. Also, please check the vacuuming schedule. On the day you are scheduled, scrub down the walls and vacuum your assigned raceway. Right now we are vacuuming a raceway every two days, but this will change, as the fish get bigger.

On April 20<sup>th</sup> we started the Reel Fishing Days at Arizona Beach. This program teaches 3rd graders from Gold Beach, Brookings, and Pt. Orford how to fish. This was day one of four days. We had about 20 fish caught by 24 delighted Pt. Orford 3rd graders. We were lucky that it didn't rain on us. We hope tomorrow's weather will cooperate with the 50 Gold Beach students we're expecting.

It was noted today by Bo that I'm always fashionable late (5-10 minutes), but I arrived with food for all and I even included hot coffee. I want to thank all the volunteers who helped out with the fishing days. It was a great time had by most. There might have been a few frustrating moments or thoughts of, "Why did I volunteer for this?" The answer to that question is simple. It's because you're a good person who's gluten for punishment, just like me! I love it! Thank you so much for being patient with the kids and teaching them to fish!



Arizona Beach Reel Day

Photo submitted by : Chris Underhill

Our next big project at the hatchery will be fin clipping. The clipping trailer is scheduled to arrive at the hatchery the last week in May, so I will be calling volunteers looking for clippers. I'm planning on having two shifts: 8:00a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 1:00p.m.-5:00p.m. with lunch in-between. Netters will begin at 7:30a.m. to load the trailer with fish. If you're interested in clipping a shift, please give me a call.

The Libby Pond Kid's Fishing Derby will be June 11th for kids 14 and under. Joey from ODFW and I have already started getting donations for the prizes and raffle items. If you'd like to donate an item, please drop it off at the ODFW building. We will be looking for volunteers to help register kids, measure fish, cook, and do the usual line-up. Boy, it seems like we have a full schedule coming up, plus my son will be graduating from 8th grade on June 9th. I see blonde moments coming in my future. We also have the 4th of July fireworks stand and Open House coming up the end of June and beginning of July. You are going to be tired of hearing from me begging for volunteers, so if you have any friends who would like to help out, bring them out and get them involved.

Chris Underhill  
CAF Volunteer Coordinator  
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## Volunteer Profile of the Month: **Gene Trinkler**

Let's start with my card that I hand out to friends. It reads as follows:

Gene Trinkler: A REALLY NICE GUY (Actually, I am, in my opinion)

Next is: WORK IS FOR THOSE WHO DON'T KNOW HOW TO FISH (There is a lot of truth in that one)

Next line: I WAS HERE, BUT YOU WERE NOT, NOW YOU ARE HERE AND I AM NOT (That one is, if I came by and you we're not home and you find my card in your tool box, better lock it).

Next is: HAVE A REALLY NICE DAY (Sometimes I actually mean it)

I (Trink) was born in St. Louis, Missouri. But at the age of twelve, Mom and I moved to Southern Kalifornia (it's not misspelled). Thank God! Can you imagine growing up in Missouri?

After serving in the United States Army in North Carolina, Pam and I started our careers. Pam worked a secretarial job, and I got on with the LA Poo-lice Dept. working in Watts, Kalifornia a few days before the Watts Riots. That's where I learned very fast about life on the mean streets. Upon retirement I went into business during the "Reagan" eighties when building was booming. Eleven years later ('93), just after Boxer and Feinstein were elected, we moved out of Kalifornia. So, as the saying goes, "You know the rest of the story..." This month Pam and I are celebrating our 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. We will be returning to the scene of the crime, Palm Springs. So when you see Pam, give her a big hug.

One of my favorite activities is to go fishing with educated guys/ladies in my boat. This is why I usually have Glenn and Pat with me. Lennie is going to fish with us soon.

### A Message from Phil Dickson

Join our email database and receive hatchery news and announcements the moment they happen. Please send an email to: indiancreekhatchery@gmail.com with the subject line titled "Sign me up". We will add you to our email news and photo sites.

## **This year's Salmon Springers just keep on coming!**



Submitted photo  
Gene Trinkler caught this 28 pound Springer, using straight bait at Huntley park last Friday, April 8. Congratulations Trink, you have been too long without a fish!! HA!! Looking forward to my slice!

### In Memory to John Lento

John Lento was a very special person and volunteer to CAF. We now say goodbye to John who passed away on April 16th at the age of 72. John had been a member of CAF since 2001 and the publisher of *The Riffle* since 2002. Sam, his wife of 39 years, said he called *The Riffle* "his baby" and took great pride in each publication. His efforts showed; he did a great job. John was an engineer and spent many years in California helping to design and build different projects. He worked on top-secret projects for the military. He also worked on Nextel cellular sites. In 1996, John and Sam bought a condo in Gold Beach. Then in 2001 they moved to Gold Beach permanently because they liked the area so much. I remember meeting John when we had the CAF meetings at Spada's Restaurant. That seems like a long time ago, but it's only been ten years. We refer to those days as the "Kathy Moore days". I miss her too! John was also a supporter and volunteer of Curry Co. Hospice and both he and Sam volunteered at the Curry Historical Museum. Thank you, John, for everything. You will be greatly missed and all our love and support goes out to Sam.

Submitted by Chris Underhill

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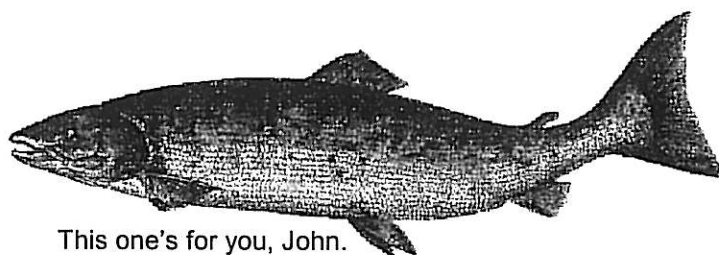
We were alerted to the fact that wild turkeys are on the attack at our hatchery. So, beware and be ready to defend yourself with broom or shovel or water hose. The fight was on between Dean Pollen and the call of the wild!

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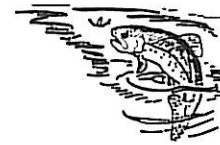
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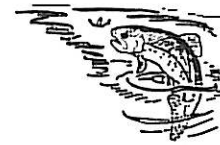
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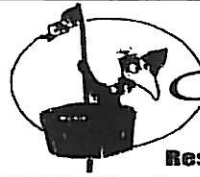


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