



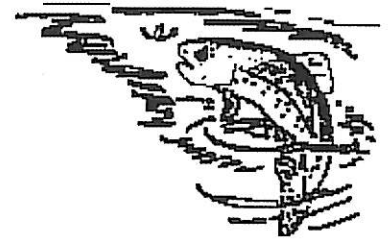
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President's Corner

David Sophusson

Well, we had another great fin clipping session this year. With thanks to all the volunteers and their nimble fingers, we managed to clip over 80,000 itty-bitty fins in less than 3 ½ days! I believe Chris will have more details on this in her column.

Our new fish pump is now in Roseburg and should be here soon. We purchased a new pump that actually sucks the smolts out of the raceways and will pump them into the transport truck to deliver them to the river for release. In the past we have used dip nets to transfer the smolts to the transport truck. Unfortunately, by using dip nets, the smolts lose a lot of their scales and each scale lost is a possible site to get infected and might cause their death. We have a lot of new technology in place, and our volunteers work hard to raise healthy fish to give them the best possible chance for survival at their release. This new pump is another step toward our goal in raising the percentage rate for returning adult salmon each year.

Our fireworks have arrived. Becky is currently making up the work schedule for volunteers to run the fireworks booth. If you haven't been called but are able to put in 3-4 hours for a shift for one day or more, Becky would love to hear from you. 541-247-9739

Thanks, everyone, for all your help and support!

Treasurer's Corner

By Hassie Taylor, CAF Treasurer

Treasurer's Report	Mar.	Apr.
Operating Capital	\$35,351	\$34,157
May Income	\$ 361	
May Expenses	1,555	

Hatchery Happenings

Submitted by:

Chris Underhill, Volunteer Coordinator
541-247-0396

FISH CLIPPING – I am very happy to report that we clipped 81,420 fish in three days and 2 hours. It took a total of 40 volunteers and 350 man-hours to complete this task, and it was done with minimal lose of fish (less than 100). I say, **"AWESOME JOB!"** Thank you Bo for taking over for me on Tuesday when I woke up sick; you were a lifesaver.

We've decided we should sell all the little fins from the clipping trailer and Rich Watson came up with the new cereals name, "Adipostee's." Look for it on your grocery shelf in about ten more years when we have enough fins to fill a box.

You should see some of these guys clipping with fins flying everywhere, even into my hair. We have a few clippers, friends of the Fetzer's, who came in from California. They clipped over 1,300 fish every two hours.

You know clipping isn't an easy job. It's very tedious and glasses are usually required, but all volunteers stepped up to the plate and knocked it out. Thank you to all the clippers, crowders, and cooks: Rod Black, Denny Evans, Larry Schnider, Bo Gemeinhardt, Pat Eakle, David and Becky Sophusson, Bill Fetzer, Bill Budd, Gary Harmon, Warren and Heather Halcumb, Dean Pollen, Philip Dickson, Ken White, Richard, Lennie Forkas, Tom and Dru Tostenson, Jock Headlee, Dixie Boley, Herman Neihaus, Jim Freedman, Jan Fritch, John, Jerry Hazen, Jim and Jean McGraw, Ralph Craft, Dawna, Clyde Myer, Chery Keyser, Glen Kral, Gene Trinkler, Mike Kopec, Joan Goodison and Marilynn Foss.

We have survived another year of clipping.



photo: indiancreekfishhatchery@shutterfly.com

PRE-LIBBY POND WEED WHACKING – The Tuesday before the derby, seven insane CAF volunteer victims met at the Old Gun Club behind Libby Pond with weed whackers in hand. Dean attacked the Southside. Gary, Denny, Bill and Kerri hit the Westside. Pat and I started breaking trail over to the island, the Eastside. Let me tell you, we were neck deep in weeds, and I have a tall neck. Thanks guys for a great job. It really helped out at the derby. Thank you Pat Eakle, Dean Pollen, Denny Evans, Gary Harmon, Kerri and Bill Budd, and Chris Underhill.

LIBBY POND - The 23rd Annual Libby Pond Fishing Derby started out early Saturday, June 11th. It was overcast and chilly with a light mist, but that didn't deter our young fisherpersons and their families. We had a record breaking 101 boys and girls enter this year's fishing derby. I've never wished a pond could grow bigger so bad in my life. Lo and behold, it all worked out and everyone had a great time! There were kids of all ages, many with their grandparents enjoying this great fishing day. We had kids from Gold Beach, Brookings, Crescent City, Medford, Mapleton, Tucson, Arizona and even a few kids from Stanford, Montana who were visiting their Gold Beach grandparents. There were at least twenty first timers who had never fished before, but we were prepared for them with the ODFW Youth Anglers & Aquatic Trailer & Instructors who

provided bait, fishing rods, and even taught the kids how to fish. Thank you Rod Black, Jock Headlee, Tony Hobbs and Tom Olsen for helping with the kids! I was over by the Rod & Gun Club, but I could hear the children's squeals of excitement and laughter across the pond, and that's what it's all about - great memories, spending time with the family and being outdoors!

Prior to the derby, Libby Pond was stocked with 5,000 rainbow trout and a 150 "lunkers" or Trophy Trout that weigh between 3-5 lbs. each. At noon on Saturday, I blew the horn to end the derby and the kids brought their fish to be measured. We had volunteers on hand from Curry Anadromous Fishermen (CAF), Oregon South Coast Fishermen (OSCF), Oregon Dept. of Fish & Wildlife (ODFW), and the U.S. Forestry Service. They all helped measure fish, tally score sheets and handled whatever was thrown their way. While everyone waited for the final tally, CAF members Gary Underhill, Bo Gemeinhardt, Pat Eakle, Mike Kopec and Gary Harmon provided lemonade, chips, and cookies. They cooked more than 200 hot dogs, all donated by CAF & Western Family to feed all the derby participants and families.

Many nice fish were caught, but only 10 lunkers were landed during the fishing derby.

This year's winners:

23rd Annual Libby Pond Fishing Derby

"Biggest Fish" measuring 500 mm or 20"
Taylor Bright

5 & Under – 1st Camron Thompson, GB, 2nd Harley Piper, GB, 3rd Laila Digby, GB

6-9 year olds – 1st Domnic Thompson, GB, 2nd Savannah Wilmarth, Brookings, 3rd Daniella Marshall, GB

10-14 year olds – 1st Ben Buehler, Brookings, 2nd Landon Henderson, Stanford, Montana, 3rd Jade Piper, GB

A big thank you goes out to Pam and Tony Hobbs for registering all the kids and tallying all the scores with a smile. And thanks to all the CAF, OSCF, ODFW & USFS volunteers who made this event possible by being there and assisting the kids and parents, and especially to ODFW Joey Denbo who helped me do all the paperwork, footwork, and kept me organized!

CAF & ODFW would also like to thank and recognize all the businesses and organizations

that contributed to this event. I wrote an article for the newspapers listing all the businesses. Congratulations to all the kids, parents, grandparents and volunteers for a job well done!

DAILY FEEDERS – Remember to check the Daily Feeding Schedule to see which raceway needs to be cleaned on your day. The fish now range 40 - 50 to a pound. We need to keep the raceways as clean as possible so the oxygen level stays up. The DO Meters are now working at the end of each raceway. The raceway key opens the DO box. Write down the OXY count on each raceway. The thermometers are at the end of the raceways. One temperature reading is sufficient for all raceways. Make a little note in the notebook of all you did so everyone knows what's been done.

I will be out of town for the month of July, so please contact me on my cell. #541-425-0396 when you're finished feeding or if you have any questions or problems.

4th OF JULY FIREWORKS BOOTH & OPEN HOUSE - The Fireworks Booth will be opening June 25th thru 4th of July. Becky Sophusson is working on the schedule. So if anyone hasn't been contacted and is willing to work a shift, please contact either Becky (541-247-9739 or me. We will also be having a little Open House on the 4th at the hatchery from 11AM – 2PM so people can stop by and see what we do!
Happy 4th of July!

General Meeting

June 9, 2011

David Sophusson, president, called the meeting to order at 10:02am. The minutes of last month's meeting were approved as printed in *The Riffle*.

Treasurer's report- Hassie Taylor reported the monthly loss of \$1,193.43 and an end of month balance of \$34,157.24. The figures reflect the receipt of the STEP funds for the fish pump, which has been delivered to ODFW in Roseburg. The pump payment will be in the June report. No adjustments will be made for the electric billing.

Salmon Derby- Mike Kopec is working with Jim Carey (Rogue Outdoor Store), Jeff Ferguson (Gold Beach Promotions Committee) and Western Outdoor News (WON) to hold a 5 day derby that will benefit CAF and the Sea Lion Patrol. The idea is to conduct an annual derby in the lower Rogue River in early September when our Indian Creek Hatchery fish are returning. With the cooperation of the above 4 entities, Mike expects we will have a great deal of promotion, advertising and prizes that will attract a broad participation from the western states. Philip Dickson suggested we look into protecting the name as 'intellectual property'.

Volunteer Coordinator- Chris Underhill gave the final numbers on the fin clipping: 3 days, 350 volunteer hours and 81,420 fish clipped with minimal mortalities (fish or volunteers). Not all feeder volunteers are able to brush and vacuum, so Chris is working the schedule around to make sure the raceways are vacuumed twice weekly. Fish are growing ahead of schedule and are feeding very well. Libby Pond is on June 11 and CAF will provide \$100 towards prizes and food, as well as workers.

Clothing- Mike has received the newly designed T-shirts and they are stunning! The shirts will be available for sale at the fireworks stand. Mike will give each volunteer at the fireworks stand a shirt from last year's derby. Philip Dickson will talk to his wife, Pam, about being the clothing coordinator.

Fireworks- Becky Sophusson has all the plans in place to begin sales on June 25th or 26th. Many more volunteers are needed and Philip will conduct a reminder campaign via the Rogue Outdoor Store. The Mat Club is back to selling this year.

Miscellaneous- Hassie read some of the highlights from the latest edition of the Oregon Stewardship newsletter. A proposed, revised brochure has been received from Laurel Gerkman and is being reviewed.

Raffle- Katie may not be able to do the raffle anymore, but we won't replace her just yet.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05am
Submitted by Glenn Kral, CAF Secretary



Photo submitted by Lennie Forkas

Volunteer Profile of the Month: **Lennie Forkas**

Lennie is a people person, someone who truly enjoys visiting with people. She's an outgoing feisty woman with a lot of history. She raised nine children; two died at an early age. She sold real estate for twelve years. She also owned, operated, and later sold the Nesika RV Park and Campground. Prior to working in real estate, Lennie worked as a school bus driver for the Manteca School District for ten years, keeping all those kids in their seats. Now she enjoys her retirement living in Gold Beach.

Retired? Lennie thrives on being active and being involved. She volunteers for the fish hatchery, Hospice, Friends of the Fair, and the animal shelter walking the dogs. She is also a member of the U.S. Lighthouse Society.

Nancy and Larry Schneider introduced Lennie to the Indian Creek Hatchery. She began by feeding the fish. She has also volunteered at CAF events and just finished fin clipping in June.

Lennie's hobbies include drawing, painting, crafts, such as "pretty-punching" – making Mickey Mouse emblems on jackets.

In addition, reading has become one of her favorite activities. Ever since Lennie had cataract surgery, she has become an avid reader. Her children even bought her a Kindle. So she is up to speed in our tech generation! Lennie is a proud grandmother of eleven grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren. She makes a trip to see them as often as she can.

An important goal in life, according to Lennie, is to stay healthy. She walks daily. Her walking buddy is Buddy, her dog. She recently joined an exercise class in Gold Beach and is taking up golf lessons. In addition, Lennie is looking forward to rafting down the Rogue River with a group of friends in July. Her energy and good heart make her an inspiration to all.

Submitted by Hassie Taylor

Sponsor's Corner

Submitted by Chris Underhill

Kathryn Roseberry has been operating Sweetbriar's Fine Gifts & Candy for going on six years. She carries a large assortment of fine gift items for sale. Sweetbriar's offers the Marie Osmond Handbags & Jewelry Collection, Glass Eye Studio glass collectibles, pottery, stained glass, jewelry, and silk scarves. They have an excellent selection of cooking spices, sculptures and garden figurines. But don't forget the awesome assortments of fudges, truffles, chocolates and goodies. The white chocolate bear claws are my personal favorite. Also, be sure you check out their greeting card selection. Kathryn has such an interesting selection, plus the added bonus of chocolate with a gift always gets a smile!

I remember the first time I met Kathryn; Kathy Moore was still alive. It was August of 2004 during the Salmon Dinner at Indian Creek Café, and Kathryn had amassed a wonderful selection of raffle items from all the local merchants for the CAF Raffle. She did that all on her own because she thought what we do, was important to the local fishermen and the local community. This tells you a lot about her character. This year and for many years past, Kathryn has donated yummy, solid chocolate fish to all 1st,

2nd, & 3rd place winners at the Libby Pond Fishing Derby. She also donates many boxes of fudge for the CAF general meetings, my favorite prize. Thank you, Kathryn. So next time you're in Gold Beach, stop in at Sweetbriar's Fine Gifts & Candy. They are located at 29865 Ellensburg Ave. next to the Rogue Outdoor Store. Say "hello" to Kathryn and Lauri. Tell them you heard about them in *The Riffle*!

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Even if you've been fishing for three hours and haven't gotten anything except poison ivy and sunburn, you're still better off than the worm.
(Author Unknown)

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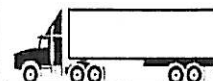
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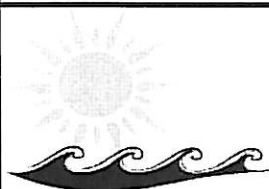
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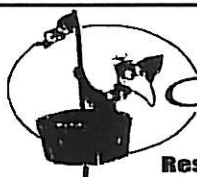


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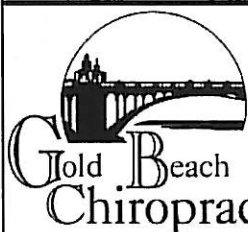


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