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**Next GENERAL MEETING Thursday,
December 8, 2016 – 10:00 AM
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2017 BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINEES

The following CAF members have been nominated for election to the Board of Directors at the annual meeting in December:

Barbara Huff

Glenn Kral

Jack Sheehan

David Sophusson

Gene Trinkler

Gary Underhill

All of the above candidates are present board

members. Nominations from the floor will be welcomed and greatly appreciated. Three more nominees are needed.

CAF VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION & ELECTION OF OFFICERS DINNER

Where: Spinners'; When: Dec. 10, 2016;
Happy Hour: 5:00 p.m. (No Host); Dinner: 6:00
p.m.; Menu: choice of prime rib or chicken; Cost:
\$22.00 per person; Reserve: **Call By Dec. 1st** -
David at 541-247-9739 or Chris at 541-425-
0396

President's Corner

By David Sophusson

As you may recall in the last issue of *The Riffle*, I reported that we were having some heavy rains. Well, as it turns out, it was a bit too much rain and a lot of the fish made it right past the hatchery to parts unknown. On top of that the river swelled so much that it made it impossible for the seining crew to net enough fish to meet our needs. As it looks right now, we are well below our quota that we are allowed and will be lucky to get two thirds of what we need. When talking to our ODF&W biologist, John Weber, he told me that he hasn't seen these conditions since the mid to late 1990's. During our second spawning session Gary Underhill along with a few other volunteers took a couple of dip nets farther up the creek and managed to bring back a hen that was ready to spawn. Unfortunately, that was all that they could get, but at this critical time every fish helps. I'm always amazed at the turnout that we get during the spawning sessions and would like to thank everyone for their help and thanks to Chris Underhill for always bringing the hot soups, chowders and other goodies to warm us up. Hopefully I will have better news to report in my next installment in *The Riffle*.

CAF General Meeting-Nov. 10, 2016

President- David Sophusson called the meeting to order at 10:03am. The minutes from the Oct. general meeting were approved as printed in the Nov. edition of *The Riffle*. David stated that the Tidewater contract for improving the drainage in front of the raceways was signed by Scott Knox and the work will depend on Tidewater's schedule.

Treasurer's report- Barbara Huff was absent, so Becky Sophusson reported income for Oct. of \$1,342.83 and expenses of \$1,977.34 resulting in a monthly net loss of \$634.51. The major income item was a generous \$1,000 donation from Guy Vernon who was impressed by our running of the hatchery and left the donation at The Rogue Outdoor Store while in town from Bend. The offsetting major expenses were for the derby.

Hatchery- Gary Underhill reported: there are less than 40 salmon in the brood tank due to a low return of hatchery salmon in the ladders, because of the excessive Oct. rain; rats in the incubator room and trays have been challenging Gary's patience, but he keeps resetting the trap; with John Epps retiring from the board and reducing his hatchery involvement for health reasons, Gary is making sure he has written procedures for operating the filtration and peroxide treatment systems; the electric bills were higher this year, because we ran the emergency pumps so we could hold the fish longer for a bigger and healthier release raceway 3 is being worked on.

The Riffle- Richard McKinney (richardmckinney94258@yahoo.com)

encourages and requests all suggestions for improvement. Hassie Taylor had a stack of newsletters that were left over at some of the distribution site. They are mailed to several locations to meet the 200 min. mailings required for our permit. A discussion ensued about rethinking how to distribute the newsletter more economically. No conclusion was reached.

Pizza Fundraiser-Barbara Jorge reported that the turnout was low, but we netted close to \$1,200. Fred Notestine sold 90 tickets!

Board Members-Six nominees were listed in the Nov. issue of *The Riffle* and David will ask for 3 nominees from the floor at the Dec. 10th dinner/election meeting.

Arizona Beach Fishing Pond-Jack Sheehan reported that a meeting between ODFW and Or. Parks was held to discuss improvements and additions. The ideas were for pond improvements (deepening, weed control, dock) and possibly a covered structure.

December meeting-The dinner meeting/elections will be at Spinner's Restaurant on Dec. 10th at 6pm. Reservations for dinner are required.

Spawning-Spawning will be next week. We probably won't have our quota this year due to the low number of available fish. Chris Underhill will be making calls for volunteers.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:58am
Submitted by Glenn Kral, CAF Secretary

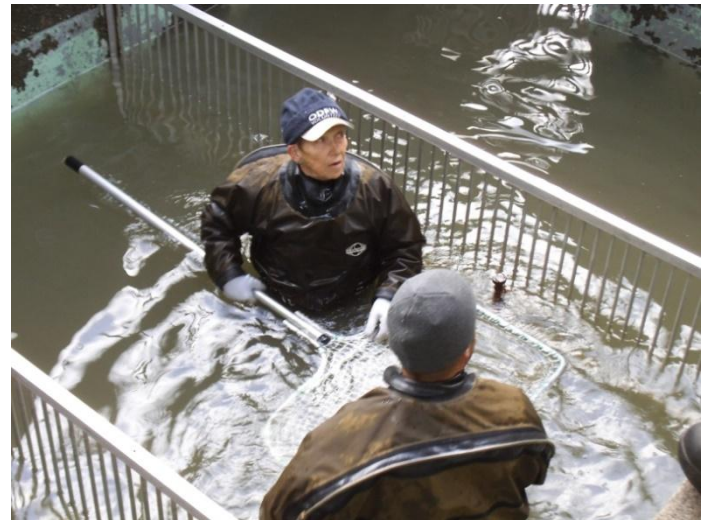


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Fishing Quote of the Month

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

CAF Volunteer Coordinator

Christine Underhill

Happy Holidays

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving and ate lots of turkey. I'm working on the holiday feast as I type. My son is moving to Idaho the beginning of December, so I'm making a going away feast for my kid. I'm going to miss him, but it's time for him to spread his wings, and leave the nest.

The first day of spawning was Nov 15th and 8 trays of eggs were started in the Incubator room. Spawn #2 was Nov 22nd and only 4 females were ready, so that leaves us with only 8 females left to spawn. If the rains slow down we might be able to walk the creek and collect more brood stock, if there are any in the creek. Don't know what's up with our fish this year, but seems awfully strange to me, also notice all the seagulls hanging around Gold Beach, seems like something is in the air.

I'm taking reservations for the Christmas Dinner which will be at Spinner's on Dec. 10th. Happy hour will start at 5pm and dinner around 6pm, you'll have a choice of Prime Rib or a Chicken plate and it's \$22.00 per person. You'll pay at the dinner; you can call me at 541 425-0396 so we can have a head count and menu selection.

I know this has been short but sweet, but my world has been in high gear lately and I'm just trying to keep my head on straight, my cup is full. I wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Safe and Happy New Year!!

Peace on Earth!

Christine Underhill,

Retired Volunteer Coordinator!!



Photo by Glenn Kral

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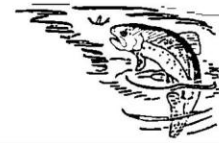
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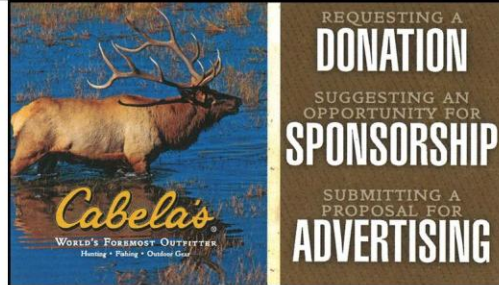
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