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**INDIAN CREEK HATCHERY IS RUN BY  
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**Next GENERAL MEETING Thursday,  
Sept. 14, 2017 – 10:00 AM  
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General meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup>  
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**6:30 a.m. Aug. – 7:00 a.m. Sept. /Oct.  
Seining @ Huntley Park on  
Mon., Wed. & Fri.  
Aug. 30<sup>th</sup> a.m. fish release, Raceway #2**

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details.

## **President's Corner**

By David Sophusson

And the fish are on their way! We released  
almost 30,000 fry from raceway #1 on Aug. 15<sup>th</sup>,  
and we will be releasing raceway #2 on Aug.  
30<sup>th</sup>.

So now that they are gone, it's time to do some  
maintenance and improvements at the hatchery.  
It won't be long, and we will be starting the cycle  
all over again. I'd like to thank all of our hard-  
working volunteers and supporters for bring this  
season full circle. We had our best salmon  
derby fundraiser ever this year, and I would like  
to say a big "Thank You" to Mary Duncan for all  
the hours spent putting it together and pulling it  
off.

## **CAF Welcomes New Members**

Bob and Linda Thain, Reno, NV

## **CAF General Meeting**

**June 8, 2017**

**Call to Order**-President, David Sophusson, called the meeting to order at 10:02am. The minutes from the May (and March & April) general meeting were published in the June 2017 – August 2017 of *The Riffle*. There were no changes.

**Treasurer**-Barbara Huff reported a monthly loss of \$763.92.

**ODFW**-John Weber said the clipping trailer will be here on the 26<sup>th</sup> and clipping and tagging will begin the next day. The paid tagging personnel will clip & tag the first 25,000 fish and volunteers will clip the remaining fish. The Propagation Proposal (PP) is ready to go except for the support letters that Dave Barnes has requested. The PP will go through 7 ODFW reviews before final approval in Sept. at the Medford meeting. STAC grant requests need to be submitted by August 18<sup>th</sup> and CAF should consider replacing some of the incubation stacks. Seining will begin at Huntley Park on July 24<sup>th</sup> and will continue every M-W-F through Oct. beginning at 6am for July, 6:30am for Aug. and 7am for Sept./Oct.. ODFW needs volunteer help every day and especially in Oct., when fish will be collected for the hatchery. When the first Indian Creek Hatchery smolts are released, ODFW will release 25,000 Cole River Hatchery tagged smolts.

**2017 Salmon Derby**-Talk to Mary Duncan or Jim Carey about helping or suggestions for prizes, sponsors or advertising. The dredge may be operating at the same time as the derby. North Country Lures & Flies LLC has donated \$2,400 in fishing items. The Smith River Rancheria has donated \$250 in prize money. Cabela's donation can be picked up in Springfield. The food will be provided by Kevin Buffington and Woggy's.

**Hatchery**-Gary Underhill reported: 11 volunteers helped put up the new predator netting in 2 hours; the attendance at Libby Pond Free Fishing Day was not great; the fish ladder needs to be fixed; the DO and water pressure readings have been real good; the arrangement of boards at the bottom of the brood tank are working to keep silt from accumulating.

**New Brochures**-The new brochures include updates and the statement, "Tours by

Appointment only". We need to consider modifying the 'No Trespassing' signs to more strongly deter people from driving in without permission.

**Mike Kopec Bench**-The bench has been refinished and has chinook figures on the sides and back. The bench will be installed behind the CAF sign and will have a plaque recognizing Mike's commitment and dedication to the success of Indian Creek Hatchery.

**July 4<sup>th</sup> open house**-Hot dogs and lemonade will be available from 10am to noon.



*Our great volunteers await the public for our annual Open House, July 4<sup>th</sup>. Photo by Hassie Taylor*

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

## **CAF General Meeting**

**July 13, 2017**

**Call to Order**-Vice president, Gary Underhill, called the meeting to order at 10:05am. The minutes from the June meeting will be published in the Sept. edition of *The Riffle*. Gary reviewed the pancake breakfast inventory list prepared by Becky Sophusson. The items were purchased at a cost of \$3,016.58 so CAF could raise money at the music festival. Since we will no longer do a breakfast fundraiser, the board has agreed to dispose of everything and is discussing varied options.

**Treasurer**-Barbara Huff reported monthly income of \$1,968.70 and expenses of



\$4,408.81. The asphalt berm and road repair were installed at a cost of \$2,400.

**ODFW**-John Weber asked for volunteers to help teach fishing techniques to campers at the Native American Camp tomorrow. ODFW uses the same angler education program that's used at the Reel Fishing Days at Arizona beach pond.

**2017 Salmon Derby**-Mary Duncan is hopeful that we receive more cash donations. She's received a lot of sponsor items for the raffle and prizes, and she expects the raffle will make up for the shortage of cash donations. More posters need to be put up around the county. Dean Hendricks and his son will be in town for 5 days and Mary will try to get them a lodging package deal. Next year Mary has to have more help to promote the derby earlier to secure cash donations. Derby tickets are available at The Rogue Outdoor Store. The fish will be weighed at Fishermen Direct.

**Hatchery**-Gary Underhill reported: the ladder has been repaired; the gravel and asphalt are finished; there's a new valve hatch cover; the 28,000 fish in raceway 1 are clipped and tagged; the oxygen system is turned on for raceway 1; raceway 3 liner will be replaced by the end of August; plans for the new storage shed have been submitted; the new bathroom will be installed soon; #2 should be released by mid Aug. and #1 around Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Libby Pond Free Fishing Day**-65 children and adults attended for free lunch and fishing items. Every child was given an item for attending and a prize was given for the biggest fish. Most of the attendees were from the local area.



A fun day of "catching" ... Photo by Lucie LaBonte



Learning to tie fishing knots and hooks.

Photo by Lucie La Bonte

The meeting was adjourned at 10:54am  
Submitted by Glenn Kral, CAF Secretary

## **CAF General Meeting** **August 10, 2017**

**Call to Order**-President, David Sophusson, called the meeting to order at 10:09am. The minutes from the July meeting will be published in the Sept. edition of *The Riffle*. The board decided to keep the pancake breakfast equipment and trailer until next year. The salmon motif bench in remembrance of Mike Kopec will be installed at the hatchery after the meeting. CAF has submitted the mini grant to purchase a 'chiller' for the Gold Beach High School project.

**Treasurer**-Barbara Huff reported a monthly loss of \$298.22 for July. The derby profit will be reflected in next month's report.

**ODFW**-John Weber has decided to release the fish in raceway #1 on the 15<sup>th</sup> at noon. The fish in raceway #2 will be released on the 30<sup>th</sup> in coordination with a video being recorded by the STEP program. The video will also include seining activities at Huntley Park on the 30<sup>th</sup> and John would like CAF volunteers present. Mary Duncan graciously agreed to recruit volunteers for the seining activity.

**2017 Salmon Derby**-Mary Duncan and Barbara Jorge enthusiastically reported that the derby was well attended, offered great fishing, and was financially successful. CAF recognizes and appreciates the tremendous commitment by

Mary to coordinate with Jim Carey on the seemingly endless details that are necessary to make the derby happen. Mary agreed to coordinate the 2018 derby and will ask for more help to capitalize on the many positive details that improve the derby success each year. Well done, Mary, and much appreciated.



*David Sophusson and Mike Ananos showcasing bench commemorating Mike Kopek's dedication of service to the hatchery from 2004-2014. Photo by Gary Underhill.*

**Hatchery**-Gary Underhill reported: the fish are doing great; it's been a good year for feeding, vacuuming, water flow and oxygen levels; raceway #3 liner will be replaced on the same day that the fish in #2 are released; kingfishers have been coming through the holes at the upper ends of the predator netting; the brood tank and ladder are loaded with silt, so the trash pump will be used to clean them out.

**NEW HATS**-Rob Bretchman coordinated the ordering of 6 dozen hats of various colors and beautifully embroidered.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 am  
Submitted by Glenn Kral, CAF Secretary

## Volunteer of the Month Profile

### **Ken Kellogg**

Interview by Hassie Taylor

Ken Kellogg and his wife, Diane, purchased their Gold Beach home in 2007. Why move to Gold Beach? Well, Ken enjoys salmon fishing. Enough said. They are retired Gold Beach residents from May to November. Then they transfer to their other home in Oceanside, California where they spend the other half of the year, November to May.

Ken volunteers for the hatchery carrying fish during the fin-clipping event and is happy to help with the work crews in projects such as repairing the dam upstream.

Ken joined the Air Force in 1961 and became a veterinarian in 1962. He completed his internship in Springfield, Massachusetts and received his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree at the age of 23. His hobbies at the time included bowling, basketball, and Corvettes. While in Massachusetts, he joined the Corvette Club and participated in rallies.

He has worked on many bases from Duluth, Minnesota to Oxnard, CA to New Mexico. In his free time he frequented the Officer's Club where drinks only cost 25 cents. He was also cozy with the commissary staff where he regularly picked up a package supposedly containing dog bones for 69 cents. However, the package actually contained steaks, sausages, pork chops, ground beef and breakfast links. Now I'd say he had quite a hustle going on. As a vet, he was responsible for the cleanliness where the meat was butchered.

In 1964 Ken left the Air Force, drove to Beaverton near Portland and took a job without checking the details of the pay. No one likes to work for nothing so off Ken went looking for the next opportunity which he found in North Hollywood where he worked for an older veterinarian. Then Ken landed in Carlsbad and tried to start his own practice which never materialized. Ken bought a veterinary practice in Pacific Beach and in 1976 he bought a piece of property and ran his own vet clinic for 7 years. But another career change was just around the corner. In 1983 Ken married Diane in San Diego and immigrated to Idaho and took a job with the US Department of Agriculture as an inspection



officer. During this time he raised Hereford cattle and experimented in raising chickens and hogs.

Ken retired at 58 but was offered a job by the president of Con Agra as a consultant that he just couldn't turn down. He took on this new challenge for the next three years and officially retired in 2003. Upon retirement Ken and Diane lived in Meridian, Idaho before settling in Gold Beach half of each year.

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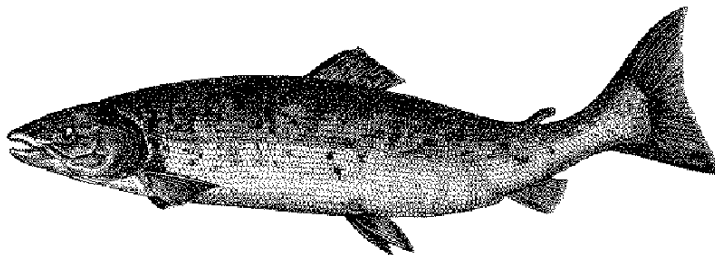
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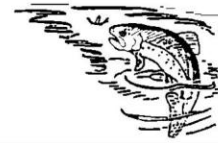
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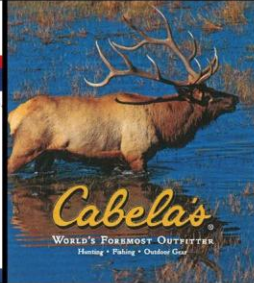
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